

Our Savior Lutheran Church August 27, 2023 Page 1
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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN THE BULLETIN: The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

SUSAN CARSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Saturday, October 7th. Time TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bible Study is canceled for the present time until further notice.

Our Servers Today:

Reader: Tina Mennenga

Offering: Jeff Cisco, David Colburn

Communion: Bev Cisco/Tina Mennenga, Fran Thibideau

Greeter: Jeff Cisco

Music Minister: George Stern

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME: *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

Pastor: We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

People: **AMEN**

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: Lord, we approach Your altar with love for You and our appreciation for the price You paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to Your sacrifice. For that, Dear Lord, we make our confession to You this day.

1 John 1:8-9

Most merciful God, I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by the things I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, renew me and lead me so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name AMEN.

ABSOLUTION Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMNS: G559 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
G561 For the Beauty of the Earth

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray:

Our Heavenly Father, you have brought us peace, comfort, and grace through your son, the Son of Man, who brought us salvation through his sacrifice and blood on the cross of salvation. This gift came from you through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

**"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.**

**Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.**

For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

**"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.⁵ My righteousness
draws near,**

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my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

**Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.**

PSALM: Psalm 138 ESV *with Doxology*

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it
was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

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“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

A Living Sacrifice

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gifts of Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads,[f] with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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GOSPEL HYMN: One Bread, One Body, *Insert*

MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: G518 Fairest Lord Jesus – Dean Carson

SERMON: "Who Am I and What Does This Mean?"; - *Pr. Steve Dygert + STS*
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

C: Amen

SERMON HYMN: G293 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

OFFERING: Psalm 51

**Create in me, a clean heart, Oh Lord
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not, away from thy presence
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of thy salvation,
And uphold me in thy free Spirit. Amen**

Rite of Friendship:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. And Also With You.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty
He has shared with us.

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all peoples here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us-our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

THE PRAYERS: Let us Pray: (*Prayer Response*) *Lord in your Mercy:* **Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and forever. Amen**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1st Corinthians 11:23-25*

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to the them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: G259 Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our father

Brothers all are we

Let me walk with my brother

In perfect harmony

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment

And live each moment

In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me!!

THE DISMISSAL P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! C. Thanks be to God!!