

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 07 September 2025

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

{Congregational responses are in *Bold/Italics*}

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers;

***Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law they meditate day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in
its season and their leaves do not wither.

They prosper in all that they do.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
***The LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

HYMN

“Count Your Blessings”

#594

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...***God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our Faith and do not consider the deep commitment of Faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. O Lord, You are our Shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act and stir the pot when we could offer peace. We wander tempting paths instead of following You. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in You. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when You offer us abundance. We pray for Your forgiveness according to Your goodness and mercy and for You to make us whole. AMEN***

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you, it is through the Power and the Name of Jesus Christ, you may be forgiven. **AMEN**

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! Amen, Amen

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - *Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18*

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, You know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was You who formed my inward parts;

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise You; I am wonderfully made.

Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from You when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the Earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In Your book were written

all the days that were formed for me, when none yet existed.

How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is they are!

I try to count them; they are more than the sand;

I come to the end. I am still with You.

TORAH READING - *Deuteronomy 30.15-20*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I AM commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in His ways and observing His commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess; but if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Him; and He turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple, for which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? When he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will

not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions”.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Trading My Sorrows”* Pastor Larry

SERMON *“It’s Just Stuph”* Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH
from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q: WHAT DOES GOD’S LAW REQUIRE OF US?

A: Jesus Christ teaches this in a summary in Matthew: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first Commandment, and a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two Commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Q: WILL GOD LET MAN GET BY DISOBEYING?

A: Certainly not, for the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven...He will punish them according to His righteous judgment...

Q: BUT, IS NOT GOD ALSO MERCIFUL?

A: God is indeed merciful and gracious, but He is also righteous, for His is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. AMEN

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN *“Wonderful Word of Life”* #234

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise...

So we come before Him and pray...

...and raise to Him in great joy and love by singing:

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.

HYMN *“Higher Ground”* #447

BENEDICTION and SENDING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, 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*

CHURCH COUNCIL

meets every 2nd Sunday

President	Dot Smith
Vice President	Jeanne Keyser
Treasurer	Dean Carson
Secretary	Andrea Yerger
	Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress
	Ellie Selk; Pat Spence; Fran Thibideau

SERVING TODAY

Reader	Dean Carson
Offering	Bob Bouchard
Communion	Dot Smith
	Andrea Yerger

REMINDER:

We are collecting **TOOTHBRUSHES AND TRAVEL SIZED TOOTH PASTE** for the “Jesus Loves You Ministry” all through the month of September; there is a container near the front door for you to drop them off..

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:	Drop In to visit with Pastor 10am-2pm
Thursdays:	Bible Study at 10am
Thursday, 11 Sept:	Session 1 of Billy Graham Conference, 6.00pm at New Life Church in Venice.
Saturday, 13 Sept:	Session 2 of Billy Graham Conference, 6.00pm at New Life Church in Venice.
Sunday, 14 Sept:	Council Meeting and PotLuck after Service.

Pastor Larry is **ALWAYS** available by appointment...

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We stand upon the “Solas” of the Reformation

<u>Sola Scriptura</u>	Scripture Alone
<u>Sola Fide</u>	Faith Alone
<u>Sola Gratia</u>	Grace Alone
<u>Solus Christus</u>	Christ Alone
<u>Soli Deo Gloria</u>	To God Alone the Glory