

# *Our Savior Lutheran Church*



## *Service of the Word and Sacrament*

Sunday, 31 August 2025

Worship: 10.00am

### THE GATHERING

LORD *Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests*  
{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing with joy to God our strength!

***Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob!***

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt

***God promised His people that if they would;***

"Open your mouth wide, I will fill it."

***God kept His Promises...Thanks Be To God!***

***Let us Worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - and Jesus!***

### HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"

#045

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...

***Mighty and merciful God, You have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We ask that You forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Even as You have chosen us, and claimed us in our Baptisms, we ask that You strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us Your Holy Spirit that all of us might be provided with the gifts of Grace needed to fulfill our common calling; we ask this in and through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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 -Psalm 212

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in His commandments!

***Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.***

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

***Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.***

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

***For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.***

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

***Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.***

They have given freely to the poor, their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.  
***The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.***

## EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "*The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?*" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

## JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

Through Him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching Him closely. When He noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, He told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to

you, `Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the righteous."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC	"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"	Pastor Larry
SERMON	"Who Cares Where You Sit?"	Pastor Larry

CONFESSIO

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and death, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the Giver and Renewer of Life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free*

*to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the One Body of Christ, the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's New Heaven and New Earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" AMEN*

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN	"Near The Cross"	#288
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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:  
*O, Worship the King, all glorious above!*  
*And gratefully sing His wonderful love!*  
*His mercies how tender, how firm to the end;*  
*Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

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 *"Days Of Elijah"* *Insert*

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*

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...

*CHURCH COUNCIL* - - - meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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