

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Bill Videtto

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,
and serving others.*

September 20, 2020

Worship Service

9:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.

THE LORD IS
MY LIGHT
AND MY
SALVATION...
WHOM
SHALL
I FEAR?
THE LORD
IS THE
STRONGHOLD
OF MY LIFE--
OF WHOM
SHALL
I BE AFRAID?

PSALM 27:1





TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."

* We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.

* Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

WORSHIP SERVERS

9:00 A.M. Worship

LMC: Bob Tardiff
Ushers: Launa Tardiff and Ed Lattier
Reader: Pending
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

10:15 A.M. Worship

LMC & Usher: Pending
Usher: Pending
Reader: Pending
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 20, 2020 — WELCOME!

It is a joy to worship together.

PRELUDE
JAERYONG LEE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:
Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice,
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Chorus

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart...
O, let the ancient words impart.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ~ SUNG

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

LBW P. 81

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and
strength and honor and blessing
and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray; Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please sit

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-13

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,**

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**⁴And though war should rise | up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**⁶To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**⁸Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.**

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot

tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red, brown, yellow
Black and white
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children
Of the world.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

LBW P. 81

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

Please stand

SONG OF THE DAY ~ I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

LBW 390

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

*I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard

the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." WOV 775

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Pastor Mark prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background
Congregation repeats refrain

**C: 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 and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

(COMMUNION SONGS ARE FOR 10:15 SERVICE ONLY)

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

WOV 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WOV 783

Seek ye first the kingdom of God	Knock and the door shall be opened
And its righteousness,	Unto you.
And all these things shall be added	Allelu, alleluia
unto you	
Allelu, alleluia.	We do not live by bread alone,
	But by eve'ry word
As and shall be given unto you;	That proceeds from the mouth of God
Seek and you shall find;	Allelu, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ GLORY TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ SING TO THE KING

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations,
When Jesus is King.

Chorus:

*Come let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He's all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.*

*Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and
we pray;

We will be ready the dawn of
that day.

We'll join in singing with all the
redeemed,

'Cause Satan is vanquished and
Jesus is King.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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****ANNOUNCEMENTS****

Schedule Change as We Begin Sunday School

Our plan at this time is to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4. We will of course be watching how the public schools are doing and we will adjust or change our planning as necessary. But assuming Sunday School begins, we will make a few adjustments to our Sunday morning schedule:

9:00 – 9:45 – Outdoor Worship Service

9:45-10:25 – Sunday School for ages 3 through high school. We will not begin an adult class at this time.

10:30 – 11:30 – Indoor Worship Service

Planning for Sunday School

We are doing our organizing for Sunday School. Our plans to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4.

If you would like to help with teaching and leading Sunday School, please talk with Carmen Nazario or Pastor Mark.

*If you have child who is age 3 or 4, would you please let Carmen or Pastor Mark know. We are putting together a list who is in the class.

*We are planning to make Sunday School as safe as we possibly can. We will set up social distancing in each classroom. And we are requiring that all teachers and students wear masks during Sunday School.

Looking for Change

Remember on Sunday mornings we are collecting loose change. There are containers near the entrance to worship, just put your change in the containers. All proceeds will be given to PATH or the East Texas Food Bank to help those in need in our community. And thank you, we are off to a great start!

Procedures for Indoor Worship

Just a couple of reminders for our indoor worship service:

First, please do remember to social distance in the narthex as you talk. We are excited to see each other, but let's keep a safe distance.

Second, remember at the end of the indoor service, the ushers will usher you out. Please remain in your seats until you are instructed to leave.

Third, of course please do wear your mask for the indoor service as long as you **are inside the church building**. That is a great way to care for our neighbors.

Thank you!



MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Pray Daily



Read the Bible Regularly



Worship Weekly



Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth



Tithe (10%) of my Financial Resources



Serve in Ministry at and beyond our Congregation

Thank you for wearing a face mask. We are all in this together

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: VARIES DUE TO COVID-19.
 IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ **903-561-1865** AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS,
 LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

SUNDAY—Sept. 20, 2020

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, Inside 10:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 CODA 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Social Ministry 11:30 a.m.
 ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

WEDNESDAY

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY—Sept. 27, 2020

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service, Inside 10:15 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	
Monthly Budget	\$ 23,058	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130
Previous Sept. Offering	\$ 5,567	Attendance Sept. 13, 2020: 9:00 a.m. Service— 36 10:15 a.m. Service— 39	75
Offering, Sept. 13, 2020	3,185		
Other Offering	<u>1,850</u>		
Total Sept. Offering	<u>\$ 10,602</u>	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	75
2020 Congregational Offering Year To Date	<u>\$ 185,833</u>		