

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the
people and the
people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and
joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His
creation through the life,
death and resurrection of
His Son, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by
the ancient rhythms of
Christian worship,
fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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"King David Penitent" from *The Book of Hours* by Willem Vrelant
(active 1454 - 1481)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (A)
AUGUST 20, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Please use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, so that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~

"WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE" (WOV 780)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day
to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.

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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of 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

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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Gracious God, you welcome all who cry out to you, and no one is beyond the reach of your mercy. Through our gathering around word and meal, strengthen us to be living signs of your healing and mercy so that all may know your glory and grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY - PSALM 67:1-7

R ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

C ²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

R ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah***

R ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

C ⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

R ⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

SECOND READING - ROMANS 11:2A, 13-15, 28-32

R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray	Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Keep me burning 'til the break of day	Sing hosanna to the King

FEEDING OUR LITTLE LAMBS

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THY WORD"

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
... and a light unto my path.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 15:21-28

^P The Gospel of the Lord. ^C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

"The Mystery of God's Mercy"

- 1) *Even Now There is a Remnant of Israel Which is Not Rejected (11:1-10)*
- 2) *Israel's "Stumble" Became the Salvation of the Gentiles (11:11-24)*
- 3) *Rejection is God's Way to Israel's Salvation (11:25-36)*

Today's text from Romans reveals that sin is a worship problem. And while we may not participate in superstitious dances to worship Baal, we certainly have rituals, behaviors and practices that reveal what or who we worship. As Luther wrote, "As I have often said, it is the trust and faith of the heart alone that make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true one. Conversely, where your trust is false and wrong, there you do not have the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God. Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your God." (*Large Catechism*) So you simply follow the trail of your time, your affection, your energy, interest, money and loyalty. At the end of that trail you'll find a throne; and whatever, or whomever, is on that throne is what's of highest value to you. On that throne is what you worship. Sin is always idolatry. Sin clings to something other than God to fulfill needs. Idolatry is looking to people, positions, or possessions to do for me what only God can do. Who do you worship?

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

Hymn Of The Day ~ "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (LBW #309)

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share your joy at last.

THE 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 OF THE CHURCH

P Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers the congregation responds.. **Hear our prayer.***

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

Please be seated

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

POST OFFERTORY HYMN ~ "I OFFER MY LIFE"

All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted
to You.

Chorus:

*Lord, I offer my life to You,
everything I've been through,
use it for Your glory,*

*Lord, I offer my days to You,
lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.*

What can we give that You have not given;
And what do we have that is not already
Yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living,
and that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, **C** **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our vocations, our time, our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Please remain standing

The Holy Meal

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of ever-lasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ^P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- ^P Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- ^P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ^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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"SANCTUARY"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

It is you, Lord, who gave the Savior,
Heart and soul, Lord, to every man.
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness.
You refine me with thine own hand.

Lead me on, Lord, through temptation
Purify me from within
Fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit
Take away all our sin.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

“CHRISTIANS, WHILE ON EARTH ABIDING” (LBW 440)

Christians, while on earth abiding,
Let us never cease to pray,
Firmly in the Lord confiding
As our parents in their day.
Be the children’s voices raised
To the God their parents praised.
May his blessing, failing never,
Rest upon his people ever.

Bless us, Father, and protect us
From all harm in all our ways;
Patiently, O Lord, direct us
Safely through these fleeting days.
Let your face upon us shine,
Fill us with your peace divine.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit!
Praise him, all who life inherit!

“Shout to the North”

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus:

*Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all;
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow’r
Of our awesome King of love?

Chorus

Rise up, church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By his grace again we’ll fly.

Chorus

We've been through fire,
We've been through rain,
We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Lord of heaven and earth...
Lord of heaven and earth...
Lord of heaven and earth.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

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

“SONG OF SIMEON”

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal you to the Nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

^P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C **Amen**

BENEDICTION ~P. 95 LBW

^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 HYMN ~ “I’LL FLY AWAY”

Some glad morning
when this life is o’er,
I’ll fly away.

To a home on God’s
celestial shore,

I’ll fly away.

Chorus:

I’ll fly away, O glory;

I’ll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by,

I’ll fly away.

When the shadows
of this life have grown,

I’ll fly away.

Like a bird from

prison bars has flown,

I’ll fly away.

Chorus

Just a few more

weary days and then,

I’ll fly away.

To a land where

joys shall never end,

I’ll fly away.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

^P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

^C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oktoberfest 2023

Meeting directly after church TODAY! Anyone interested in helping with this event should attend. Amy Norris is spearheading the planning for Oktoberfest 2023. This is a huge event. Oktoberfest will be held on October 21st.

Prime Timers Discussion

There will be a meeting of Prime Timers this Tuesday, at 11:30. It will be a brown sack lunch (bring your own). Items to be discussed include:

1. Responsibility of the hosts (theme (if any), food type, setup, cleanup). The hosts determine the food/style
2. Choose hosts 2 months ahead.
3. Discussion of potential program ideas

Rally Day & Swim Party

Invite a neighbor to come with you as we kick off a new year for Sunday School! We start back on September 10th. We will have a Swim Party on that day after church at 2:00 pm. The address is 14341 CR 1113, Tyler, TX (Don't take the toll road, GPS is wrong.) Hot dogs, chips and dessert will be provided. Call Carmen with any questions 972-533-9935.

Church Library

Our Church Library (located in the Conference Room across from the Pastor's Office) is receiving some TLC this summer. We will soon have it available again with a new look that will be easier to access. New books have also been added, so watch for a BOOK OF THE MONTH review starting next month.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Sylvia Miller
Acolyte:	Charles & Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Robert & Nicholas Henriksen
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Chris Miller
Communion Assistants:	Alan & Sarah Cumming, Courtney Henriksen
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (August 21- August 27th)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
	Prime Timers Planning	11:30 a.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Attendance

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 25,245
Previous August Offerings:	\$ 4,700
Offerings on August 13th:	\$ 9,722
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 1,725</u>
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 11,447
Total August Offerings:	\$ 16,147
2023 Offering to Date:	\$ 193,521

Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023:	86
2023 Average Attendance:	106