

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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The 12th century *Ladder of Divine Ascent* icon
(Saint Catherine's Monastery, Sinai Peninsula, Egypt)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (A)
AUGUST 27, 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 ~ "RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!" (LBW #383) Vs. 1-3

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
With nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;

As heirs of God's baptismal grace,
His word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence;
Give justice larger place.

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. **℣ Amen**

℟ 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.

℟ Most merciful God,

℣ 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

℟ 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.

℣ Amen

GREETING

℟ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **℣ And also with you.**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **℣ Lord, have mercy.**

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

℣ 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. **℣ Lord, have mercy.**

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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **℣ Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

^P Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century) ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING - ISAIAH 56:1-6

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

PSALMODY - PSALM 138:1-7

^R ¹I love you, O LORD, my strength.

^C ²**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

^R ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

^C ⁴**The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

^R ⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

^C ⁶**In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

SECOND READING - ROMANS 11:33-12:8

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

FEEDING OUR LITTLE LAMBS

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ “ALLELUIA, LORD”

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Life on the Altar (an Evangelical Understanding of Works)

“[It] is our teaching, faith, and confession that good works follow from true faith (when it is not a dead faith but a living faith), as certainly and without doubt as fruit from a good tree.... [For] it is no less necessary to admonish the people to Christian discipline and good works and to remind them how necessary it is that they practice good works . . . than it is to admonish them that works not be mingled with the article on justification.” (Book of Concord, *Epitome*, Article IV)

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ “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

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

"GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS" (WOV #787) V.1

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;

Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.

We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,

Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King. Amen

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:

“AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

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My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow;
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

“WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR”

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus:

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way
Chorus

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne
Chorus

“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!

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

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” (LBW #534) V. 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen

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 ~ “GLORIES OF YOUR NAME ARE SPOKEN” (LBW #358) Vs. 1&4

Glories of your name are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the worldlings' pleasures
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

DISMISSAL

^P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ^C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change for Change

Please bring your loose change to church on any given Sunday and place it in the bottle in the Narthex. The Little Lambs are working with Glory Gopinath and our Social Ministry to decide how to spend the previous months donations.

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 from 9:15 am - 9:50 am. 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.

OSLC Oktoberfest

Will be held on October 21st. We are taking donations for soda, water, and beer.

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.

PRIMETIMERS

PrimeTimers kicks off with a new day and time, Friday, September 8th at noon!
Theme: Aid for Lahaina - we will collect funds to help with the recovery in Hawaii.
Activity: Bring your favorite memory/picture of Hawaii to share at your table during fellowship time
Food: Pulled Pork on Hawaiian Sweet Rolls (Provided). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Gloria Bielfeldt
Acolyte:	Ean Hollenbeck
Ushers:	Bill Videtto & Max Lewis
Reader:	Carmen Nazario
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Communion Assistants:	Linda Webster, Carol Lattier, & Jan Moch
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities (August 28th - September 3rd)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Thursday:	CODA	6:00 p.m.
	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #1	
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 25,245
Offerings on August 20th:	\$ 2,277
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 1,420</u>
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 3,697
Total August Offerings	\$ 19,844
2023 Offering to Date:	\$197,218

Attendance

Sunday, August 20, 2023:	91
2023 Average Attendance:	106

