

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 Good Shepherd” 3rd century Fresco
in the Catacombs of St Callixtus, Rome

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (A)
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 ~ "ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME" (LBW #327) Vs. 1,2,&4

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,

Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

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 God of grace, through your Son you have reconciled your creation to yourself. Still, we continue to find ways to divide and destroy the unity you intend for us. Preserve your church that, assured of Christ's presence among us, we may exemplify the peace and reconciliation that can only come from you; through 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 - EZEKIEL 33:7-9

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

PSALMODY - PSALM 32:1-7

^R ¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

^C ²**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

^R ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

^C ⁴**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah**

^R ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

^C ⁶**Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

^R ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah

SECOND READING - ROMANS 13:1-10

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "This is the Day"

This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord has made
That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, We will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it.

This is the day That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice And be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord has made.

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 18th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 18:1-6,10

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

One Lord, Two Hands

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (Romans 13:1)

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" (LBW #534)

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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:

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace;
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All-in-all;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

"WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER" (LBW #346) Vs. 1,2,&4

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul, (with my soul,)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless
estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my
soul.

Chorus

And Lord, haste the day when our
faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord
shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.

Chorus

"ON EAGLE'S WINGS" (WOV #779)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in this shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus:

*"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."*

Snares of the fowler will never capture
you,
And famine will bring you no fear;

Under God's wings your refuge
With faithfulness your shield.

Chorus

For to the angels God's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Chorus

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 ~ "WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION" (WOV #755) Vs. 1&3

We all are one in mission; we all are
one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ,
the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels
us from above
To plan and work together that all
may know Christ's love.

Now let us be united, and let our
song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's
redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are
one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ,
the Lord of all.

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 donations will be used to bless others.

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 now open! New books have also been added, and a BOOK OF THE MONTH review was published in this week's Flocknotes. There is a sign out sheet in the Library for books to be checked out.

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Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters:	John & Mary Ferguson
Acolytes:	Penelope & Annabelle Davis
Ushers:	Bill Videtto & Richard Eck
Reader:	Amy Norris
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Communion Assistants:	Blaine & Karin Davis, & Jan Moch
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities (September 11th-17th)

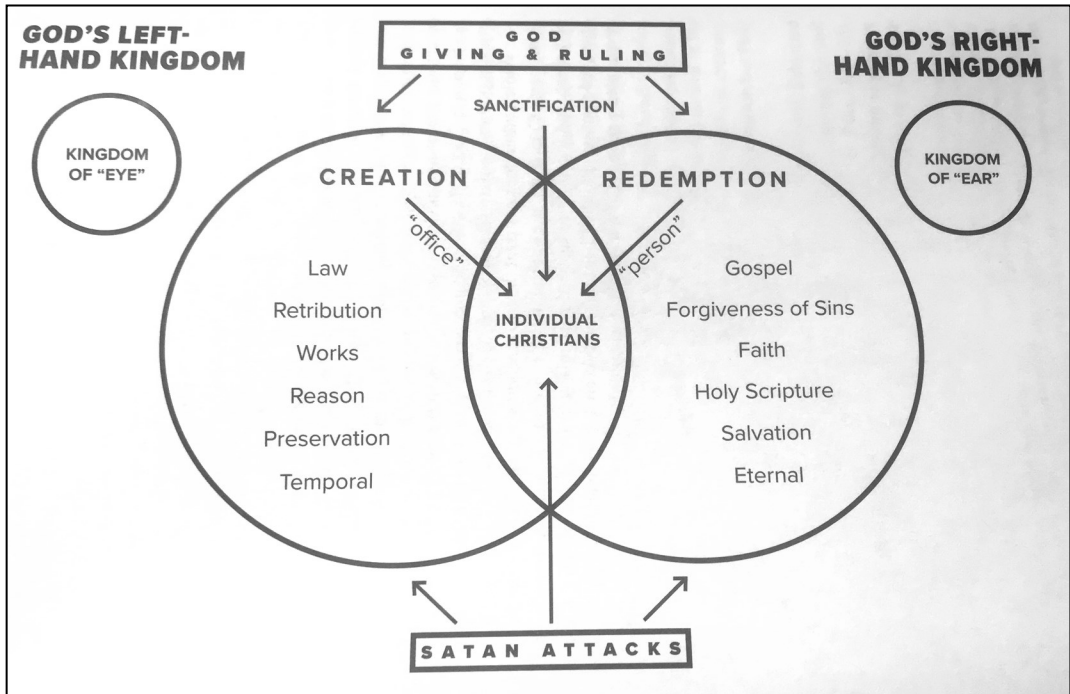
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Embroiderer's Guild	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #3	
	Embroiderer's Guild	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Youth Class	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 5,245
Other Weekly Offerings:	\$ 800
Total August Offerings:	\$ 23,916
Offerings on September 3rd:	\$ 2,777
2023 Offering to Date:	\$ 201,290

Attendance

Sunday, September 3, 2023:	113
2023 Average Attendance:	106



If someone wanted to have the world ruled according to the Gospel, and to abolish all secular law and the Sword, on the ground that all are baptized and Christians and that the Gospel will have no law or sword used among Christians, who have no need of them [in any case], what do you imagine the effect would be? He would let loose the wild animals from their bonds and chains, and let them maul and tear everyone to pieces, saying all the while that really they are just fine, tame, gentle, little things. But my wounds would tell me different. And so the wicked under cover of the name of Christians, would misuse the freedom of the Gospel, would work their wickedness and would claim that they are Christians and [therefore] subject to no law and no Sword. Some of them are raving like this already. Such a person must be told that it is of course true that Christians are subject to neither the law nor the Sword for their own sake, and do not need them. But before you rule the world in the Christian and Gospel manner, be sure to fill it with true Christians. And that you will never do, because the world and the many are unchristian and will remain so, whether they are made up of baptized and nominal Christians or not. But Christians, as the saying goes, are few and far between, and the world will not tolerate a Christian government ruling over one land or a great multitude, let alone over the whole world. There are always many more of the wicked than there are of the just. And so to try to rule a whole country or the world by means of the Gospel is like herding together wolves, lions, eagles and sheep in the same pen, letting them mix freely, and saying to them: feed, and be just and peaceable; the stable isn't locked, there's plenty of pasture, and you have no dogs or cudgels to be afraid of. The sheep would certainly keep the peace and let themselves be governed and pastured peaceably, but they would not live long.

-Martin Luther, *On Secular Authority: how far does the Obedience owed to it extend?* (1523)