

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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Sir George Clausen, R.A., R.W.S. (1852-1944)

Harvest, Tying The Sheaves

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to
me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" *Matthew 20:15*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (A)
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 ~ "SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS" (WOV #684) Vs. 1&2

Chorus:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind,
Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons
You called to each thing:

*"Awake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings."*

Chorus

You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand
And you goaded your people
With a law and a land;
And when they were blinded
With idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets
To open their eyes.

Chorus

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 Steadfast God, you are slow to anger, and your mercy endures forever. We stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; 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 55:6-9

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

PSALMODY - PSALM 27:1-9

R 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?

C ²**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

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

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

R 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;

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

R 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.

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

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

SECOND READING - PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

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

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

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

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 20th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Jesus Makes No Earthly 'Cents'

"We like to think of ourselves as responsible workers, and the employer's strange behavior baffles us as it did the original hearers. We risk missing the story's point: that God dispenses gifts, not wages. None of us gets paid according to merit, for none of us comes close to satisfying God's requirements for a perfect life. If paid on the basis of fairness, we would all end up in hell." -Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "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

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. **☩ 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:

“SHOUT TO THE LORD”

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing.
Power and majesty, Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name!

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You!

I sing for joy at the work of your hands!
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.

“JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE”

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk, close to thee.

Thru this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Chorus:

*Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Chorus

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Chorus

"WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION" (WOV #755)

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.

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

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.

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 ~ "GO, MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING" (WOV #721)

Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love
you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort still you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you,
and give you peace.

I the Lord will smile upon you,
and give you peace.

I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children, I will keep you,
and give you peace.

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

Oktoberfest is in a few weeks, Oct. 21st! We are taking donations for soda, water, and beer. We need volunteers to bake for the cake walk, sign up to monitor games, help in the kitchen, and clean-up. Please sign up in the Narthex to help make this fun for all.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Gloria Bielfeldt
Acolyte:	Max Bothner
Ushers:	Max Lewis & John Minster
Reader:	Gary Altbrandt
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Communion Assistants:	Linda Webster, Carol Lattier, & Becky Chambers
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities (September 25th-October 1st)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #5	
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:	\$ 25,245
Previous September Offerings:	\$ 12,626
Offering on Sept. 17th:	\$ 2,331
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 980</u>
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 3,311
Total September Offerings:	\$ 15,937
2023 Offering to Date:	\$ 217,227

Attendance

Sunday, September 17, 2023:	95
2023 Average Attendance:	106

