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!

Our Pastor

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1

What need do we have that our Shepherd does not provide? We do not want – particularly when he is what we want. When we draw near his voice (John 10:27), we are at peace. Even when we brush with death, the Shepherd leads us through that dark valley. Indeed, it is finally in that very valley where he ushers us in to heaven to dwell with him forever.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (A) OCTOBER 15, 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. Pastor Martin Moore: 979-551-6222 • martinmoore55@gmail.com
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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

"YOUR KINGDOM COME" (LBW #376) V. 1&2

Your kingdom come! O Father, hear our prayer; Shine through the clouds that threaten ev'rywhere; Light from above, our only life and joy, Show us the hope that nothing can destroy; Show us the hope that nothing can destroy.

Stumbling and blind, we strive to do your will, Trusting the word you surely will fulfill, That all are yours, however far they roam, That love shall triumph, and your kingdom come; That love shall triumph, and your kingdom come.

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. CAmen
- ^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.**
- ^AHelp, 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 Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile the relationship between you and your world which we so carelessly neglect and facture. Teach us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; through Jesus Christ our 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 25:6-9

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

PSALM 23:1-6

- ^{R1} The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- C2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- R3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- C4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- R⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ^{C6} Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING ~ PHILIPPIANS 4:8-13

RThis is the Word of the Lord! C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA, LORD" P. 83 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

^C Glory to you, O Lord.

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

The Lord is My Shepherd

Hymn Of The Day ~ "Baptized in Water" (WOV #693)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our king: Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ, our king: One with his rising, freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our king: Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

The Sacrament of Baptism for



Preston Graham

Pastor: We have gathered as God's community around the waters of new life. The word of God comes to us through the Apostle Paul: "But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). In Holy Baptism our Heavenly Father liberates us from sin, death and the devil by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were born children of a fallen humanity, in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

The Renunciation

Pastor: Preston, we are thankful that God has called you to the waters of Holy Baptism. As you prepare to join Him in His death and Resurrection I ask you: Do you renounce the principalities and powers of this evil world—the devil, and all his empty promises?

Preston: I do by God's grace.

Church Family and Friends Stand Together

Pastor: I ask each of you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize, the faith reflected in the ancient words of the Creed.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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

Church Family and Friends May Be Seated

The Baptism

Pastor: Preston, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned

hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, prefiguring this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood, and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that You would behold Preston according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Preston, Church, Family and Friends: Amen

Pastor: Preston, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

Pastor: As a Congregation, we give you this candle as a sign of our partnership with you in the ministry of Christ who is the light of the world. We encourage you to live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom that shall have no end.

Representative of Our Saviour's: Preston, we welcome you into the Lord's family; we receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ and worker with us in the Kingdom of God. We are the collective voice of God saying: You are our child, whom we love; with you we are well pleased, and with you we will journey through life together, brothers and sisters in Christ. We welcome you as a fellow sojourner as we live out God's calling for our lives together.

Church Family and Friends please stand

All: Gracious God, you make light to shine in the darkness, by your power you give new life for all eternity. Walk with us as we reach out to Preston and celebrate with him how, on this day, Water and Word touched his spirit and gave him new life. Amen

Pastor: It is with great joy that we welcome our newest child in Christ, Preston Graham!

Please remain standing (in body or in spirit)

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 AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand for the Offering and the Communion

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.

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

The Holy Meal

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

^PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. ^C **And also with you.**

We come to the table at the gracious invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please remain standing

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.
- PIt 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 \sim (*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

"OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND" (LBW #351)

Oh, happy day when we shall stand In heaven with the saved; App peoples at the Lord's right hand Shall find their names engraved, Shall find their names engraved.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come And show himself as Lord, And thousands meet in their new home Which Jesus has prepared, Which Jesus has prepared. Oh, what a mighty rushing flood Of joy and love and peace Will roll down over us with good And blessedness and grace, And blessedness and grace.

O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; Your love has made us free To stand among the saints and sing The glory that we see, The glory that we see.

"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.

"ONE BREAD, ONE BODY" (WOV #710)

Chorus:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; One cup of blessing, which we bless, And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more Chorus Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord of all. Chorus

Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown, Gather to one for all.

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.

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 in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen

BENEDICTION \sim (*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 ~ "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS" (LBW #456)

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth; And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

DISMISSAL

PThe Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OSLC Oktoberfest

We will have a quick meeting today after church! Oktoberfest is Oct. 21st starting at 4:00 pm. We are taking donations for soda, water, and beer. Please sign up in the Narthex to help make this fun for all. Lori Sartor will hold polka dance lessons on Oct. 16th from 6:30 pm to 7:30ish, in the Narthex. We will be learning 10 step polka, picnic polka, and little polka.

Quilt Raffle

The Quilt Raffle returns to Oktoberfest! Chances to win "The Windows of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church" will be available for \$1 or \$5 for six chances. Tickets will be sold on Sundays, October 8th and 15th, as well as the night of Oktoberfest, with the winning ticket drawn that night. You do not need to be present to win, but we would love it if you were!

The raffle of this lap-sized quilt, along with the sale of other handmade items, are a fundraiser for our Quilters!

Special Congregational Meeting

We will be meeting on November 5, 2023, following Sunday's Church Service. The Church Council has reviewed OSLC Constitution and Bylaws and are recommending changes designed to clean up formatting and other issues such as consistent references to the "Church" Council vs. "Congregation" Council, clarifies that only the congregation can make decisions involving "real" property and the Church Council can make decisions involving "personal" property, places responsibility on the Pastor to determine new membership qualifications and reporting same to the Church Council (currently he must obtain Council approval prior to acceptance causing delays in membership), allowing meeting notice to include email (while continuing to allow regular mail notice by those requesting it), clarifies that the Church Council selects OSLC voting representative(s) at National Convocation, clarifies that the Church Council consists of the pastor, officers, and 5 to 7 other members of the congregation, and extending by one month the time allowed by the Audit Committee to report their audit results to the Church Council. The proposed changes are posted in the Narthex.

Parents Meeting Announced

We are planning a meeting for our parents of young children and teens to gain your ideas for restructuring our VBS as well as Summer Camp. These are both treasured events in the life of our church! How might they be more effective in building faith and fellowship within our families? This meeting will help the Education Committee and Outreach Committee know how best to plan for next year. Would a Sunday lunch meeting work for your family? Give it some thought and which Sunday might work best for you.

Hudson Hope

Hudson Hope is the son of John and Taryn Hope and grandson of Rudy and Sylvia Miller. We were blessed to baptize him last Sunday. He and his family live in Hideaway, Texas. He is a freshman at Lindale High School, is on the golf team and the baseball team. Hudson intends to pursue a career as a pilot. He has done a discovery flight and is connected with the local EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) chapter. Through this EAA chapter, he applied for and was granted the opportunity to attend The Airline Academy in Osh Kosh Wisconsin this past summer. During the week of his training, he did a ground school component and had the opportunity to study different types of planes and aircraft procedures. He has also been back-up in the air flying on several different occasions since that time. He is planning on working towards his private pilot's license in the next few years. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and being with his friends.

Preston Graham

We are blessed this morning to witness Preston Graham's baptism into Christ. The Lord brought Preston to us during the Advent Season this past year. He is a senior student in Chemistry at U.T. Tyler. His hobbies include reading, cooking, and spending time in the gym. Preston has been involved in a Bible study with Pastor Martin and has a keen intellect as well as a searching heart.

Please add to your directory:

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Upcoming Events at OSLC (October 16th-22nd)

Monday: Polka Lessons 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Spin Class 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

CODA 6:00 p.m.

Social Ministry 11:30 a.m.

Friday: Prime Timers 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: Altar Guild Team #3

Oktoberfest 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Youth Class 9:15 a.m.

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters: Ron & Turi Nixon

Acolyte: Charles & Caedmon Cumming Ushers: Robert & Nicholas Henriksen

Cantor: Blaine Davis
Reader: Gary Altbrandt

Communion Assistants: Carmen Nazario, Susan Buntz, & Jana Snyder

Projectionist: Toby Fite

Stewardship

| Average Monthly Expenses: | \$ 25,245 |
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| Previous October Offerings: | \$ 2,151 |
| Offerings on October 8th: Other Weekly Offerings: Total Weekly Offerings | \$ 16,990 \$ 2,792 \$ 19,782 |
| Total October Offerings: | \$ 21,933 |
| Total Offerings to Date: | \$225,257 |

October 8, 2023

| Attendance Last Week | 109 |
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| 2023 Average Attendance | 106 |