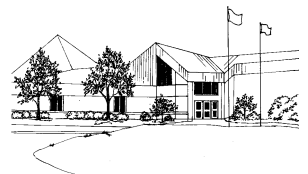


**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Love of God"

by K. Getty, S. Townend

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“I Will Lift My Eyes”

by B. Norman & J. Ingram

**God, my God, I cry out. Your beloved needs You now.
God, be near, calm my fear, and take my doubt.
Your kindness is what pulls me up.
Your love is all that draws me in.**

Chorus
**I will lift my eyes to the Maker of the mountains I can't climb.
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer of the oceans raging wild.
I will lift my eyes to the Healer of the hurt I hold inside.
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.**

**God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me.
God, right here, all I bring is all of me.
Your kindness is what pulls me up.
Your love is all that draws me in. *Chorus***

Bridge
**'Cause You are and You were and You will be forever
The Lover I need to save me.
'Cause You fashioned the earth and You hold it together, God.
So hold me now. *Chorus***

Ending
**I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You.
God, my God, I cry out.
Your beloved needs You now.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 123

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: **Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

People: **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: If we say, "We have no sin." we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Indeed, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. *1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23*

People: Yet God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Pastor: Let us then confess that we are sinners, and thank God our Father for the forgiveness that He has given us through Jesus Christ.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. *Psalm 51:1-5, Romans 7*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: through our faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us and forgiven us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, 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.

Psalm 23, Psalm 51:6-17

Pastor: Scripture guarantees that God, who began this good work in us, will carry it through to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6*

As we are the forgiven people of God, let us always live to glorify our Triune God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Love of God"

by K. Getty, S. Townend

Love of God, revealed in wonder
By the works of a maker's hand;
Seas that roar with thunderous splendor,
Fields that whisper at His command.
All the joys of life we cherish
Are God's gracious sign
We are children of His promise,
Heirs of mercy and grace divine.

**Chorus: Unfailing love from heaven's throne,
That sought me out and brought me home.**

**My song of praise shall ever be:
The Father's love for me.**

**Love of God, revealed in frailty
Through the gift of a servant King;
Joy of heaven robed in humility,
Prince of Peace crowned with suffering.
Oh, what love that calls humanity
To kneel at the cross,
And exchange our sin's futility
For the joy of a father's love. *Chorus***

**Love of God, what priceless treasure
Over all this world affords;
To be His and His forever,
This my glory and my reward!
May this love beyond all knowing,
So capture my soul
That I'm filled to overflowing
With a passion for Him alone! *Chorus***

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel's call.

Ezekiel 2:1–5

Reader: He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Paul's vision and his thorn.

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

Reader: I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body

or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus rejected at Nazareth.

Mark 6:1–13

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

“Your Grace Is Enough”

by M. Maher and C. Tomlin

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart,
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart—
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.**

**Chorus 1: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong,
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
and all Your people sing along.**

**So, remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God. *Chorus 1 twice***

**Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God. *Chorus 1***

Chorus 2: Your grace is enough, Heaven reaches out to us.

Your grace is enough for me, God I sing:
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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SERMON

“If It's Grace, We're Not Bragging” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Pastor Ron Richeson, guest preacher

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

People: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

We thank You that You call us by name, and we pray we continually heed Your voice of invitation. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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SONG

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" by M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleecker

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
In the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring,
Never trace, nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand.**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,**

**In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory;
Grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.**

**What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
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SONG

“Your Grace Is Sufficient”

by M. Nystrom

Chorus:

**Your grace is sufficient for me.
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet.
Your grace is sufficient for me.**

**I'm no longer striving to merit Your love.
I rest in Your promise to me.
That all of my sins have been washed in Your blood.
Your mercy is all that I need. *Chorus***

**You see me as righteous because of the blood
That made the atonement for me.
Your mercy has triumphed where I should be judged,
So now by Your grace I am free. *Chorus***

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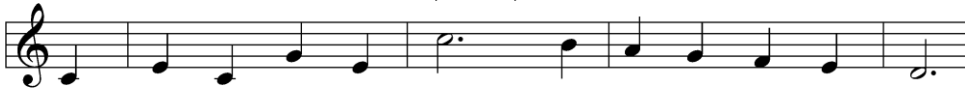
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN**"Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

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1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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