

**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.**



Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

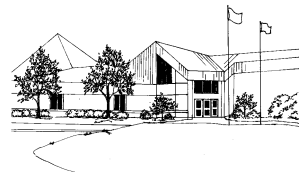
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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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 In today's Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah has just learned of a plot against him, and he asks God to provide him justice, ridding him of his enemies. David's psalm likewise asks God to intervene and provide justice. Indeed, when we are weak in the face of opposition, that is when we need to rely on our great God. But if He measured out the same justice on us all, we would be doomed! Even one of the Twelve betrayed our Lord! But God "gives grace to the humble," James teaches in the Epistle. Only when we acknowledge God's grace in Christ can we pray for His justice. The Twelve were ignorant of Jesus' coming sacrifice, but we are well aware that by it we have received every grace and blessing. Today we thank God for His grace to us as He deals with the sin-filled world around us.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“Son of God” by T. Neufeld, J. Neufeld, E. Cash, G. Cochran

**Son of God, shaper of the stars,
You alone, the dweller of my heart.
Mighty king, how beautiful You are,
How beautiful.
Son of God, the Father’s gift to us,
You alone were broken on the altar of love.
Precious lamb, our freedom’s in Your blood,
It’s in Your blood.**

Chorus **Jesus, oh holy one, I sing to You, forgiven.
Savior, I’m overcome with Your great love for me.**

**Son of God, strength beyond compare,
You alone the darkness cannot bear.
Lord of all, Your kindness draws me near,
It draws me.
Son of God, prophecy of old,
You alone, redeemer of my soul.
Come again and lead Your people home,
Come lead us home. *Chorus***

Bridge **You are worthy, You are worthy,
You are worthy of all my praise.
You are beautiful, You are beautiful,
I will lift up my hands and sing. *Repeat***

Chorus **Jesus, oh holy one, I sing to You, forgiven.
Savior, I’m overcome with Your great love for me.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND INTROIT PSALM

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD,

People: **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD;

People: **trust in him, and he will act.**

Pastor: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

People: **and your justice as the noonday.**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

People: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD,

People: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

People: Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.

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

“Better Is One Day”

by M. Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

My soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

**One thing I ask and I would seek; To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. Chorus**

**My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me;
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You. Chorus**

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18–20

The prophet asks God's help in defending him against a plot.

Reader: The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”
But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 3:13—4:10

James teaches that submission to God means opposition to worldly ways.

Reader: Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,

open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

Jesus tells the Twelve about His coming crucifixion and then uses a child to teach about true greatness.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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SERMON

“Who Are Our Friends?”

James 3:13-4:10

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

Psalm 37:4-7

Pastor: Psalm 37 includes comforting words that we will use to guide our prayers today.
Let us pray for ourselves and the church around the world.

People: Guide and protect us and Christ's whole church to proclaim the Gospel. We dearly want all people to hear the Good News.

Pastor: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Pastor: Let us pray for people in power through politics, those in businesses growing and distributing the resources of this world, armed forces protecting and defending us, and others who provide opportunities to use the talents You have given to us.

People: Work faith in their hearts, O God, so that they may meet the needs of all people in peace, and we may follow their lead in serving You.

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who make and adjudicate the laws of our country and others.

People: Turn the hearts of those who seek to harm us or our nation and work against peace around the world, O God. Let us see Your justice.

Pastor: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Pastor: Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], that God would heal, restore, and comfort them according to all His good plans for them.

People: Grant doors of opportunity for health care professionals, first responders, and us, that we may work together with them for the good of those for whom we pray.

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.

Pastor: Finally, let us pray for all who oppose our gracious God.

People: Open the hearts of our enemies, O God, and all who oppose Your reign of love, so that they may know Your grace and mercy.

Pastor: Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

People: 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.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Service of the Sacrament

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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!”

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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ 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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE and AGNUS DEI

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

SONG

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own” by G .Kendrick, K. Getty, K. Getty

**My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

**My worth is not in skill or name;
In win or lose in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross**

Chorus

**I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

**As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.**

**I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Chorus***

**Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.**

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SONG

“Come as You Are”

by B. Helming

**Come as you are, come and drink from the living water
That flowed from His hands, flowed from His side.
Come as you are, come and bathe in the healing water,
Cleansing from sin, releasing new life.
Draw near to Him and He'll draw near to you.
He's been waiting for you to call on His name, so come,
Come as you are. *Repeat***

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Please stand.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**
Pastor: Bless we the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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 SONG

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

by D. Ruis

Men and boys: *I will worship
With all of my heart;
I will praise You
With all of my strength.
I will seek You
All of my days,
And I will follow
All of Your ways.*

Women and girls: *I will worship
With all of my heart;
I will praise You
With all of my strength.
I will seek You
All of my days,
And I will follow,
All of Your ways.*

All together: I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

Men and boys: *I will bow down
Hail You as King;
I will serve You,
Give You ev’rything.
I will lift up
My eyes to Your throne;
I will trust You,
I will trust You alone.*

Women and girls: *I will bow down
Hail You as King;
I will serve You
Give You ev’rything.
I will lift up
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I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

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Readings for next Sunday, 9/29: Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29,
Psalm 104:27–35, James 5, Mark 9:38–50

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