

**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 Today's Epistle is from Hebrews 11, the "by faith" chapter. It lists heroes of faith, people who trusted in God's promises, assured of what they hoped for (the definition of faith). The Reading from Genesis singles out Abram believing God, for which God counted it to him as righteousness. Now we can look back, knowing that in one descendant of Abraham, Jesus, all God's promises were kept. His calming words in the Gospel give us the assurance we need to rely on God's care and concern when we don't have all we think we need. "Seek [God's] kingdom, and these things will be added to you," He promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22).

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG “Stand in Your Love” by E. Hulse, J. Baldwin, M. Harris, & R. Springer

**When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.**

Chorus **My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.**

**Shame no longer has a place to hide;
I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken. *Chorus***

Bridge **There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save.
There's power in Your name, power in Your name.**

**My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
Standing in Your love.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:20–22

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: **because we trust in His holy name.**

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: **even as we hope in You.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Luke 12:32

Pastor: Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

People: We confess, heavenly Father, that 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.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

Pastor: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the 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

"Great Things"

by J. Myrin and P. Wickham

Come, let us worship our King.

Come, let us bow at His feet.

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done.

See how His love overcomes.

He has done great things.

He has done great things.

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.

You free every captive and break every chain.

O God, You have done great things.

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.

O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm.

You'll be faithful forevermore.

You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again,

For Your promise is yes and amen.

You will do great things.

God, You do great things. *Chorus*

Bridge **Hallelujah, God above it all!**
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
You've done great things! Chorus

Ending **You have done great things.**
O God, You do great things!

Please be seated.

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COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1–6

God tells Abram he will have a large family and, through one offspring, countless inheritors of His promises.

Reader: After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

People of faith before us are examples for us.

Hebrews 11:1–16

Reader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is

impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. *Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

Jesus encourages us to not fear, for God knows what we truly need.

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things,

and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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

“By Faith”

by K. Getty, K. Getty, & S. Townend

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.**

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth. *Chorus*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. *Chorus*

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SERMON

"Treasuring the Lord's Promises"

Luke 12:22-34

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, hear our prayer,

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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 $\text{\textcircled{+}}$ 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 $\text{\textcircled{+}}$ 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.

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

SONG **"Like Incense/Sometimes by Step"** by B. Ligertwood, D. Strasser, R. Mullins
 May my prayer like incense rise before You.
 The lifting of my hands, a sacrifice.

Oh, Lord Jesus, turn Your eyes upon me,
For I know there is mercy in Your sight.
Your statutes are my heritage forever.
My heart is set on keeping Your decrees.
Please still my anxious urge toward rebellion.
Let love keep my will upon its knees.

Chorus 1

Oh God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
Oh God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.

To all creation I can see a limit.
But Your commands are boundless and have none.
So Your word is my joy and meditation
From the rising to the setting of the sun.
All Your ways are loving and are faithful.
Your road is narrow, but Your burden light.
Because You gladly lean to lead the humble,
I shall gladly kneel to leave my pride. *Chorus 1 twice.*

Instrumental

Chorus 2

Oh God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
Oh God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning.
I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

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SONG

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

by H. W. Zimmermann

- 1 **Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 **Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you**

**In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

Please stand.

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 “God Is Good (All the Time)” by D. Moen & P. Overstreet

Refrain: **God is good all the time;
He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time;
Through the darkest night, His light will shine.
God is good, God is good all the time.**

Leader: If you're walkin' through the valley,
and there are shadows all around;
Do not fear, He will guide you,
He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave you
nor forsake you, and His Word is true. *All on Refrain*

**We were sinners, so unworthy,
still for us He chose to die,
Filled us with His Holy Spirit,
now we can stand and testify
That His love is everlasting
and His mercies – they will never end. *Refrain***

Bridge: **Though I may not understand all the plans you have for me;
My life is in Your hands, and, through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see.**

Refrain: **God is good all the time;
He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time;
Through the darkest night, His light will shine.
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good all the time.**

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Mr. Scott Kamman

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Readings for next week, 7/24:

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Psalm 119:81–88

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

Luke 12:49–56
