

**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.**

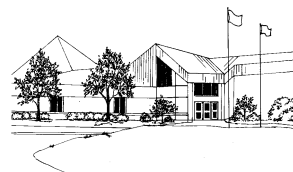
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



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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 The only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God's mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you" (Isaiah 30:18). This "almighty and most merciful God" (Prayer of the Day) showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples' peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn't the point. It was the Lord's coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God's commandments, "We should fear and love God." We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

by D. Zschech

Chorus: 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.
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.

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You. *Chorus*

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 43:4; Matthew 14:30–31

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: “Lord, save me.”

People: **“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Matthew 14:33

Leader: No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy, chief of which is deliverance from sin and fear. Aware of our great need for forgiveness and faith, we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer.

People: **Lord, save me from my doubt, my fears, my sin. I come to You now because You have promised to come to me here with Your saving grasp of power and mercy. Forgive me of my sin and give me help and deliverance from all my fears, that I may worship You with a pure heart and say, “Truly You are the Son of God” and my Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the

command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

“Ever Be” by K. Heiligenthal, G. Wilson, C. Greely and B. Strand

**Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold,
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old.
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today.
Faithful You have been, and faithful You will be.
You pledge Yourself to me, and it's why I sing:**

Chorus **Your praise will ever be on my lips,
Ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips,
Ever be on my lips. *Repeat***

Instrumental

**You Father the orphan; Your kindness makes us whole.
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own.
You're making me like You, clothing me in white,
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride
Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name, and it's why I sing: *Chorus***

Bridge **You will be praised, You will be praised.
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You, Lord.
You will be praised, You will be praised.
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You, Lord. *Repeat*
And it's why I sing
*Chorus***

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

Reader: [The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?
"Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ

down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Who can walk on water?

Matthew 14:22–33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION 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.

SONG

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” by J. Houston, M. Crocker, S. Ligthelm

**You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.**

Chorus 1

**And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, and You are mine.**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed, and You won't start now. *Chorus***

Interlude—Praise Team

Bridge

**Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.**

Repeat Bridge twice.

Interlude—Praise Team

Chorus 2

**I will call upon Your name,
Keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours, and You are mine.**

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SERMON

Matthew 14:22–33

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL FACULTY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, 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 ✠ 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

"Agnus Dei" *The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*, Arr. by T. A. Bode

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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

HYMN

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–88, Tune: John E. Gould, 1822–75
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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

"Same Power"

by J. Camp & J. Ingram

**I can see the waters raging at my feet.
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.
I can hear the sound of nations rising up.
We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.**

**I can walk down this dark and painful road.
I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown.
I can hear all God's children singing out:
We will not be overtaken; We will not be overcome.**

Chorus

**The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us lives in us, lives in us!
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks,
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us! He lives in us, lives in us!**

**We have hope that His promises are true.
In His strength, there is nothing we can't do.
Yes, we know there are greater things in store.
We will not be overtaken; We will not be overcome. *Chorus***

Bridge

**Greater is He that is living in me!
He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails;
We stand here in victory! *Repeat***

Chorus

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Readings for next Sunday, 8/16:

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Matthew 15:21–28
