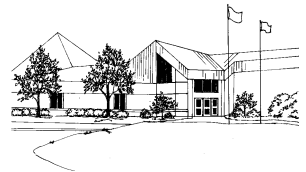
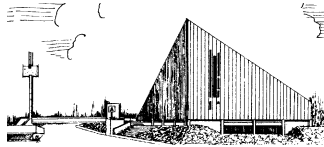


**Our mission  
is to teach,  
love,  
and connect...  
teach all ages  
about Jesus,  
love one another  
as God loves us,  
and connect  
with others  
in a hurting world.**



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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** God's creation is filled with amazing creatures, some of which dedicate their lives to making peoples' lives fuller and better. Since 1942, the Guide Dogs for the Blind association has graduated more than 16,000 person and dog teams from its training programs. The canine guides assist their human teammates each day of their lives together. The guidance they give is expert and dependable. Good guidance in every stage of life is essential! Throughout Scripture, our Lord promises His presence and His divine guidance to sustain and direct His people. Paul summed up that blessed relationship very simply: "So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8). Seeking the Lord's guidance and responding to His promptings brings blessing to our lives!

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**11:00 AM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **"A Thousand Hallelujahs"**

by B. Ligertwood, S. Ligertwood, & P. Wickham

*We will be singing this later in the service. Please follow along on p. 4.*

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **RINGING OF BELL**

### **OPENING SONG**

### **“Mighty to Save”**

by B. Fielding & R. Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing,  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,  
The hope of nations.

**Chorus** Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.  
  
So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender, Yes I surrender. *Chorus*

**Bridge** Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

**Chorus** Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.  
You're my Savior, You can move the mountains,  
God, You are mighty to save, You are mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
You rose and conquered the grave,  
Yes, You conquered the grave.  
You are mighty to save.

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## **WELCOME**

*Please stand.*

## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 8*

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

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People:** sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! . . .

**People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

**People: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples;

**People: let the sound of His praise be heard.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People: O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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**

### **"A Thousand Hallelujahs"**

by B. Ligertwood, S. Ligertwood, & P. Wickham

**Who else would rocks cry out to worship?  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,  
But this joy is mine.**

**Chorus: With a thousand "hallelujahs,"  
We magnify Your name.  
You alone deserve the glory,  
The honor and the praise.  
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,**

**A thousand "hallelujahs"**

**And a thousand more.**

**Who else would die for our redemption?**

**Whose resurrection means I'll rise?**

**There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done,**

**But I have eternity to try.**

*Chorus*

**Bridge**

**Praise to the Lord,**

**To the Lamb,**

**To the King of heaven.**

**Praise for He rose;**

**Now He reigns.**

**We will sing forever. *Repeat Bridge***

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

*Chorus*

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*Please be seated.*

## **COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Joseph and his brothers.*

**Genesis 50:15–21**

Reader: When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*We belong to the Lord.*

**Romans 14:1–12**

Reader: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*The parable of the servant who would not forgive.*

**Matthew 18:21–35**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Pastor: Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with

me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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**

### **“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”**

by J. Robinson, M. Farren, R. Thompson

**What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!**

**Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.**

**To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**Ending: When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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## **SERMON**

### **“Justice and Mercy”**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Richard O. Schultz*

# **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**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together.

**Hymn Verse**

**Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

**LSB 857, st. 1**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "I Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.



direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn Verse**

**Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

**LSB 857, st. 5**

**5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.**

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## **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 delivers us from death and the grave so that we may take up our cross and delight in You. 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!"**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth! Our hearts delight in You! Your words give us joy, assuring us of the victory of the cross, where Your Son conquered both sin and death. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we remember Your steadfast love, new to us every morning! Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we honor and praise You, O Lord, rejoicing in the goodness You now prepare our hearts to receive. 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**

**"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.*

### **SONG**

#### **"Living Hope"**

B. Johnson & P. Wickham

**How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory**

To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Chorus** Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *Repeat*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me. *Repeat*

Jesus Yours is the victory! Whoa—

*Chorus twice*

**Ending** Jesus Christ my living hope,  
O God, You are my living hope,

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*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**

### **"A New Hallelujah"**

by D. Smith, M.W. Smith, & P. Baloché

Can you hear? There's a new song  
Breaking out from the children of freedom.  
Ev'ry race and ev'ry nation  
Sing it out, sing the new hallelujah!

Let us sing love to the nations,  
Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us.  
Make it known and make Him famous,  
Sing it out, sing the new hallelujah!

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Chorus:**       **Arise! Let the church arise.**  
                  **Let love reach to the other side.**  
                  **Alive, come alive!**  
                  **Let the song arise.**

**We will sing, sing a new song,**  
                  **reaching out with a new hallelujah!**  
                  **Ev'ry son and ev'ry daughter.**  
                  **Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah! *Chorus***

**Bridge:**       **Let the song arise! Oh yeah, yeah.**  
                  **Let the song arise! *Chorus***

**Ev'ryone, sing a new hallelujah!**  
                  **Ev'ryone, sing a new hallelujah!**

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## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Rev. Joshua Cook**

*Pastor*

**Mr. Chip Davidson**

*Principal*

**Mr. Scott Kamman**

*Director of Music*

**Mrs. Margy Whitsett**

*Deaconess*

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**Readings for next Sunday, 9/24**

**Isaiah 55:6–9**

**Psalms 27:1–9**

**Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

**Matthew 20:1–16**

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