

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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 word *doxology* encompasses words of praise that are addressed to the triune God. It comes from the Greek word *doxa*, which is used in the New Testament to express the splendor of God and also serves to describe the outpouring of honor and praise to God from His faithful people. When we sing or say "Glory be to God on high," we are joining the praises spoken by the angels of God in eternity: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen" (Revelation 7:12). Such an honor it is for us to join in that praise!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

"Listen, God Is Calling"

Kenyan traditional, tr. H. Olson

Refrain:

Leader: Listen,
All: **Listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort, and joy. Repeat louder.**

Leader: Jesus gave His mandate:
All: Share the good news
 Leader: That He came to save us
All: And set us free. Refrain

Leader: Let none be forgotten
All: Throughout the world.
 Leader: In the triune name of God
All: Go and baptize. Refrain

Leader: Help us to be faithful,
All: Standing steadfast,
 Leader: Walking in Your precepts,
All: Led by Your Word. Refrain

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 29:1–2, 11; 96:3–4a

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
 Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
 Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
 Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!
People: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
[Hebrews 10:22]

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.
Psalms 124:8

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I

have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

“Jesus”

by C. Tomlin & E. Cash

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us:
Jesus, Jesus.

Chorus 1 Who walks on the waters,
Who speaks to the sea,
Who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion.
He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hands; Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages:
He is Jesus, Jesus.

Bridge Messiah, My Savior,
There is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer;
There is power in Your name,
In Your name.

Chorus 2 **You walk on the waters.**
You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion.
You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands.
God, You walk on the waters.
You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion.
You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands;

Ending **Jesus. There is no one like You.**
Jesus. There is no one like You.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *The salvation of the Lord will be forever.*

Isaiah 51:1–6

Reader: "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near,
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will judge the peoples;
 the coastlands hope for me,
 and for my arm they wait.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

People: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

Women/girls: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

Men/boys: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

People: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

Women/girls: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

Men/boys: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

People: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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.

EPISTLE READING

We are one Body in Christ.

Romans 11:33–12:8

Reader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
 or who has been his counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

by J. Kauflin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Merker

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ. *Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

“Christ, He lives; Christ He lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

**And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Chorus***

**Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.**

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SERMON

Matthew 16:13–20

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: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, whom to know is everlasting life, we are granted all good things and are directed in ways of peace. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your grace that we may take up our cross and live our lives as sacrifices of service day by day. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name.

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*

setting : David von Kampen

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 and AGNUS DEI

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

People: **Amen. O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

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

SONG

"Trust in You"

by L. A. Daigle, M. Farren, & P. Mabury

**Letting go of every single dream,
I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wondering
Never changes what You see.**

**I've tried to win this war, I confess.
My hands are weary; I need Your rest.
Mighty warrior, King of the fight,
No matter what I face, You're by my side.**

Chorus **When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move,
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through,
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You,
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.**

**Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.
There's not a day ahead You have not seen.
So in all things be my life and breath;
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. *Chorus***

Bridge **You are my strength and comfort;
You are my steady hand.
You are my firm foundation,
the Rock on which I stand.**

**Your ways are always higher;
Your plans are always good.
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood. *Chorus***

**I will trust in You. I will trust in You.
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.**

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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: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 HYMN

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920



1	Forth	in	the	peace	of	Christ	we	go;
2	King	of	our	hearts,	Christ	makes	us	kings;
3	Priests	of	the	world,	Christ	sends	us	forth
4	Christ's	are	our	lips,	His	Word	we	speak;
5	We	are	the	Church;	Christ	bids	us	show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;
King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;
This world of time to con - se - crate,
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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SILENT PRAYER

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Readings for next Sunday, 8/30:

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Psalm 26

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28
