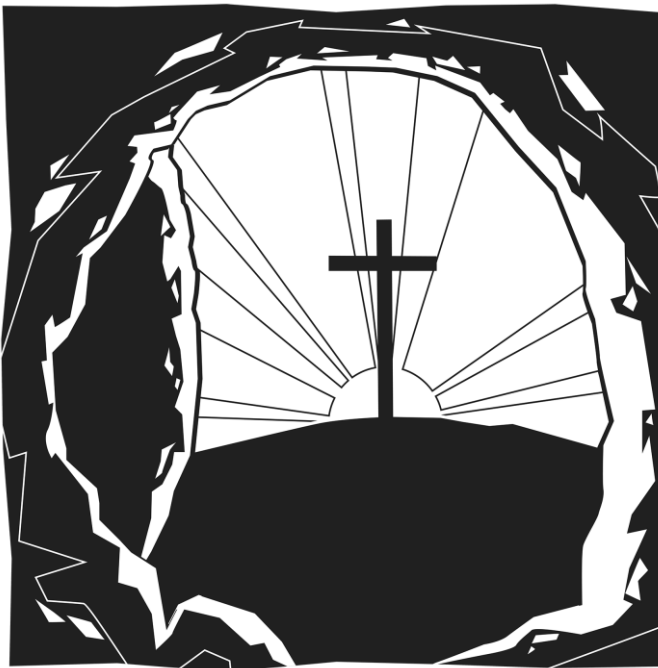


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and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
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in a hurting world.**

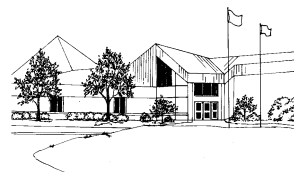
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11:00 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



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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 What is more difficult to believe: a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would defeat death itself by swallowing it? What does Isaiah, the prophet, mean by saying God "will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat?

The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is "baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3). Thereby, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life, to be present at the great feast of salvation. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed for us by God now to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts”

by N. Prince

We will be singing this later in our service. Follow along on page 10.

RINGING OF BELL

BAPTISMAL SONG

“Father Welcomes”

by R. Mann

Refrain: **Father welcomes all His children
To His fam’ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain***

**In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain***

**Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

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WELCOME

BAPTISM OF VICTOR NELSON IV

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Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

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

Pastor: Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

People: **This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.**

Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 25:9

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive

the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore assure you of the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

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

“King of Kings”

by B. Ligertwood, J. Ingram, S. Ligertwood

**In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.**

Chorus **Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty,
Praise forever to the King of kings.**

**To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus***

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me. *Chorus*

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

ANTHEMS-ALLELUIA CHOIR Do You Know Who Made the Day?
We Are the Church

By H. Hopson
by R. Avery

OLD TESTAMENT READING *A feast for all peoples.*

Isaiah 25:6–9

Reader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*spoken by ALL*)

Psalms 23

**ALL: The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

EPISTLE READING

Exhortation and encouragement.

Philippians 4:4–13

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every

circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 wedding feast.

Matthew 22:1–14

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

SONG

"Christ Be Magnified" by C. Carnes, C. Asbury, E. Hulse

**Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry,
Then from north to south and east to west,
We'd hear, "Christ be magnified!"**

**Were the whole earth echoing His eminence,
His name would burst from sea and sky.
From rivers to the mountain tops,
We'd hear, "Christ be magnified!"**

Chorus

O Christ be magnified!
Let His praise arise.
Christ be magnified in me.
O Christ be magnified!
From the altar of my life,
Christ be magnified in me.

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry,
O, then in one enraptured hymn of praise,
We'll sing, "Christ be magnified!" *Chorus*

Bridge

I won't bow to idols.
I'll stand strong and worship You.
And if it puts me in the fire,
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too.
I won't be formed by feelings.
I hold fast to what is true.
If the cross brings transformation,
Then I'll be crucified with You.
'Cause death is just the doorway
Into resurrection life.
If I join You in Your suff'rings,
Then I'll join You when You rise.
And when You return in glory
With all the angels and the saints,
My heart will still be singing.
My song will be the same:

Chorus twice.

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SERMON

Matthew 22:1–14

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, in the unity of 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 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 singing,

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts”

by N. Prince

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory,
The whole earth is full of His glory,
The whole earth is full of His glory;
Holy is the Lord.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: 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. 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

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

by A. Shust & P. Baloché

**O soul, my soul, are you weary and troubled?
No night, so dark, that our eyes cannot see.
There's light, so bright, as we look to our Savior;
Life more abundant and free,
Life more abundant and free.**

Chorus 1 **Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

**God, our God, You are with us in darkness;
Your Word, Your light, is leading us on.
Our hearts can hear You, Heavenly Father,
Calling us all to Your Son,
Calling us all to Your Son. *Chorus 1***

Chorus 2 **For we turn our eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Bridge **We turn our eyes to You,
beholding all Your beauty,
You are holy.
We turn our eyes to You,
beholding all Your beauty,
You are holy.**

Chorus 1
**In the light of His glory and grace.
In the light of His glory and grace.
We turn our eyes to You.
We turn our eyes to You.**

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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SILENT PRAYER

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Readings for next Sunday, 10/18:

Isaiah 45:1–7

Psalm 96:1–9

1 Thessalonians 1

Matthew 22:15–22
