

**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.**

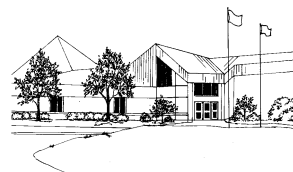
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026



Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

**8305 Nottingham Parkway
Louisville, Kentucky 40222
Church (502) 426-1130
School (502) 426-0864**



**Church: www.oursaviorlouisville.com, www.facebook.com/oursaviorlouisville
School: www.oslsloisville.com, www.facebook.com/OSLSLouisville**

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 Jesus famously teaches, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

"You Have Called Us"

by M. Nystrom & L. Deshazo

Chorus:

**You have called us out of darkness,
Out of darkness into Your marvelous light.
You have saved us from the darkness.
We rejoice in Your power and might. Repeat**

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood by Your grace.

We are a holy nation, set apart for You. *Chorus*

We are to take Your light to every nation, tongue and tribe.

So they may see Your glory shining through our lives. *Chorus*

We rejoice in Your power and might.

© 1990 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing (IMI)). CCLI #841158.

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Leader: The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

People: Know therefore that the LORD is God.

Leader: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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.

Psalm 124:8

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 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

“My Story”

by J. Ingram, M. Weaver, F. Crosby

**If I told you my story,
You would hear hope that wouldn't let go.
And if I told you my story,
You would hear love that never gave up.
And if I told you my story,
You would hear life, but it wasn't mine.
If I should speak then let it be**

Chorus 1 **Of the grace that is greater than all my sin,
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of Him.**

**If I told you my story,
You would hear vict'r'y over the enemy.
And if I told you my story,
You would hear freedom that was won for me.
And if I told you my story,
You would hear life overcome the grave!
If I should speak then let it be *Chorus 1***

Bridge **This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Chorus 2 **For the grace that is greater than all my sin,
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of
The grace that is greater than all my sin,
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.
Oh, to tell you my story is to tell of Him.**

Ending

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

© 2014 Word Music, LLC (a div. of Word Music Group, Inc.), Open Hands Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC), Weave Country (Admin. by Word Music Group, Inc.)
For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 841158

Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

In love, the Lord reaffirms His faithfulness and His people's worth.

Reader: "You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:28–39

Paul gives words to the inexpressibly lavish love of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus' parables of the kingdom point to the value of the treasures He came to save.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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.

HYMN

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

[tune: EBENEZER]

1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— Vast, un -
2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— Spread His
3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— Love of

mea - sured, bound - less, free— Roll - ing as a
praise from shore to shore! Praise His mer - cy,
ev - 'ry love the best— 'Tis an o - cean

might-y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me!
praise His good - ness; Praise His love for - ev - er - more.
vast of bless - ing; 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me Is the
How He watch - eth o'er His loved ones, Died to
Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus— 'Tis a

cur - rent of His love— Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing
call them all His own; How for them He in - ter -
heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to

home - ward To His glo - rious rest a - bove.
ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from His throne.
glo - ry, Lifts me up e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: S. Trevor Francis, 1834–1925, Tune: Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944
Text and Tune: Public domain

SERMON

“Our Patient God”

Matthew 13:44–52

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: Through the love of Christ, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father's will, in the Son's grace, and by the Spirit's power.

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, 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 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.

SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

by S. Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

© 1995 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music. CCLI #841158.

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

“Step by Step”

by D. Strasser

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

**I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.**

© 1991 BMG Songs, Inc. / Kid Brothers of St. Frank Publishing. CCLI # 841158.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Rev. David Grasch

Pastor

Mr. Chip Davidson

Principal

Mr. Scott Kamman

Director of Music

Mrs. Corrine Burmeister

Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Margy Whitsett

Deaconess

Readings for next Sunday, 8/2:

Isaiah 55:1–5

Psalm 136:1–9

Romans 9:1–13

Matthew 14:13–21
