

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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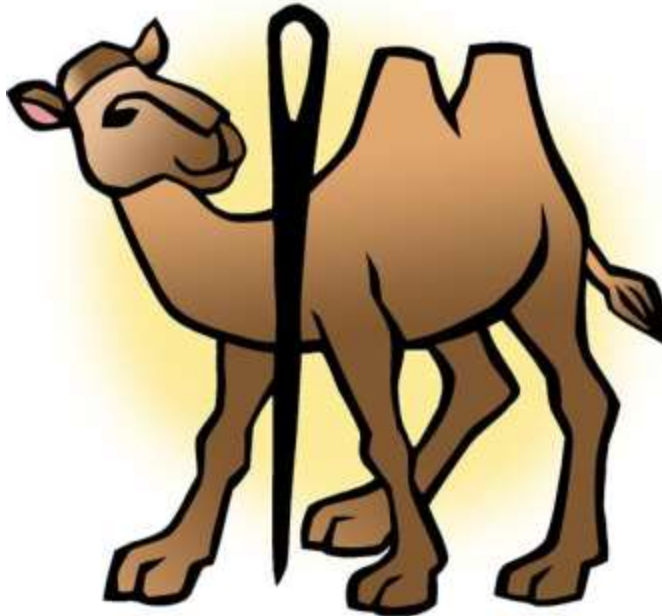
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## October 10, 2021

### **Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran!**

We are blessed to have you join us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Our Savior's community. There are Friendship pads in each pew we invite you to let us know you were here. Prayer request slips are available in the pads. If you wish to have a name lifted in prayer, please fill one out and the usher will pick them up during the service.

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

## **Gathering**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **STEWARDSHIP SHARING**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP Music**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our comforter,

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins

**C: Amen**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### **Lord of Light**

**ELW 688**

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,  
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;  
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

#### *Refrain*

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.  
By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,  
by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,  
by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suffering won: *Refrain*

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel;  
with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal;  
lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;  
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;  
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

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## **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **Word**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**L: Word of God, Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## **Ancient Words**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you. We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.**

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## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### Take My Life, That I May Be

**ELW 583**

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.**

## **Meal**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P: God of abundance,**

**C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

*(Communion wine is non-alcoholic and wafers are gluten free.)*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

## **Sending**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

## **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678**

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace, the living Word dwells in you.

**C:** **Thank be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. We pray for all struggling with health concerns (especially...) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We give thanks for the Fig Leaf and Rural Care and Share food shelf. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### "CALLED TO WORSHIP, SENT FORTH TO SERVE"

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# October '21

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
10  10:00 Worship Service  Evangelism Committee meeting after church service	11  10:00 WELCA Bible Study  1:00 Grief Support Group  5:30 Al-Anon	12  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS  3:30 Worship Committee meeting  5:30 Council Meeting	13  4:00-6:00 Fall Fest Dinner Drive Thru Only  9:30 Bible Study  12:00 Choir Practice  3:30-5:00 After School Bible School are going bowling	14	15	16  9:00 Food Shelf Distribution
17  10:00 Worship Service	18  9:00-3:00 Sewing /quilting group  5:30 Al-Anon	19  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS	20  9:30 Bible Study  12:00 Choir Practice  3:30-5:00 After School Bible School	<p><b><u>Pastor Carol's Days</u></b> Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays</p> <p><b><u>Secretary's Hours</u></b> Mon, Wed, Thur. &amp; Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>		

**Next Week's Readings: Isa 53:4-12, Ps 91: 9-16, Heb 5: 1-10, Mark 10:35-45**

**Last week's attendance: 43 Last week's members giving: \$2180.00**

To help with bookkeeping, when donating to the church and a separate fund, such as the Building Fund, please write 2 separate checks. The money goes into separate accounts and it will be much easier when making the deposits.

Thank you.



**Annual Fall Fest  
Drive Thru Dinner  
Wednesday, October 13  
4:00-6:30 p.m.**

**See Newsletter for more details**



Charles Dunbar, Leta Finucane, Shirley Saker (Villa Marina Rm 205), Kinslee Polson, Karen Boggess, Kim Peterson, Gerald Tutor, Dianna

Teppo, Dave Goldberg, Ellen Wagner, Ray Kangas, Rodney Lahti, Jane Jensen, Ken & Linda Watters, Jim DeRosia, Nancy Anderson, Gregg Levine, Darren Forsythe, Mark Hokkanen. *Remember those in nursing homes and assisted living who cannot have family, friends or volunteers visit them during this sad time.*

**Extra Stewardship letter/ commitment cards are available in the Narthex of the church. If you would like Evelyn to mail you one, please let her know.**

### **Fall Dinner Sign Ups**

There are sign ups on the bulletin board if you would be able to help make a dessert for the meal (recipe is on the board), serve up the meals, collect money, take orders to cars, and help with clean up on Wednesday, October 13. We will begin serving at 4:00 pm and finish by 6:30 pm. There is also a basket on the serving table if you are able to help with any monetary donation. Our fall fest monies this year will support Luther Park Camp. Thank you for any help you can give. The Fall Fest is sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church as a whole.

### **Masks Wearing and Sharing the Peace for worship services**

As we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic, we will continue to adjust what we do in our weekly worship services. Due to the rise of the Delta Variant and in respect to all who are present, we will begin refraining from Sharing the Peace by shaking hands and greeting each other. We will return to staying in place and waving to those around us.

We also encourage the use of wearing masks while we are in the sanctuary.

Please remember that Fellowship Hall is open and available to participate in our weekly worship services. We encourage those who wish to attend worship and maintain more space to come and take advantage of this area for worship.

### **Women's Bible Study** Monday, October 11 – 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Session two of our series – The Gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase. Session two addresses the Breath of God, reviver and reformer. We will continue our wild goose chase through Scripture, keeping our eyes out for signs of the Holy Spirit's life-giving actions. Please plan to join us for this study. Bring your Bible, Gather magazine, and drink. Copies will be available if you need them.

## **October Mission of the Month**



### **Northlakes Speech & Occupational Therapy Lending Closet**

**Mission of the Month is funded by the mission baskets on the tables during coffee time and the monthly noisy offering.**

### **Connections with Creation**

Jesus' invitation to the man with many possessions to relinquish what he has and give to the poor was offered in love but refused out of fear. The man could not see beyond the immediate pain of loss to the possibility of liberation from that which, in fact, possessed him. This story in Mark encourages us to see that divesting of wealth can be an act of freedom with profound ethical ramifications. Consider the movement of businesses and institutions to divest their portfolios of fossil fuel investments. The ELCA's pensions and benefits arm, Portico, was instructed by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly to move from investing in fossil fuel companies to investing in corporations taking positive steps toward a sustainable environment. Trillions of dollars have been squeezed from carbon-intensive companies as part of a broader strategy to align our financial resources with values that sustain life. "For God, all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

### **Prayer Quilts and Shawls**

If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving a prayer quilt or prayer shawl, please speak with Pastor Carol. We would like to get more of these wonderful handmade items made with prayers and loving care, delivered to those who may need to know that they are thought of and cared for by others. It's a wonderful ministry that we have to share from Our Savior's to anyone in the greater community.