


# 13<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

## August 30, 2020



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**Matthew 16:25-26**

### **Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church**

*(Wisconsin Synod)*

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**WELCOME!!!** Welcome to Our Savior Lutheran Church! This is our Contemporary Worship Service, designed to communicate the eternal message of God's love in today's language and style. We offer this service to demonstrate that, while we each may have a preference for a particular sound or way of saying things, the message of God in Christ remains the same. Through the Spirit we learn that Christ is the Way, Truth, and Life. He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith.

So we invite our guests to investigate the power of God's Word. We pray that as you walk closer to the Savior (Our Savior) you will be uplifted and strengthened for the challenges that lie ahead of you this week. We invite you to join us again. Bring your friends with you too!

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal for more information (262-377-7780) or check out the school at our website: [www.OurSaviorGrafton.org](http://www.OurSaviorGrafton.org).

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**UNWORTHY** Our band name is a simple reminder of how faith in Jesus changes everything. We are sinful people who are *unworthy* of the grace that God freely gives us, but through faith in Christ and His sacrifice we become *worthy* as He forgives our sins and grants us eternal victory in heaven.

We play songs that you will hear on Christian contemporary playlists and stations to encourage hearts of faith and support worship of our Savior. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching @unworthyband. Vocalists: Katie Greefkes, April Shanks, Rick Land, Jamie Luehring. Guitarists: Rick Land, Jamie Luehring. Bass Guitar: Tom Steele. Drums: Bill Truebenbach.

## **OPENING SONG**

### **“Living Hope”**

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

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

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

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Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
God, You are my living hope

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**P:** We have come to worship our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **SONG**

### **“Rescuer”**

He's our rescuer  
He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the lord, our rescuer  
There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter  
The one religion failed  
For the good lord has come to seek and save

He's our rescuer  
He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the lord, our rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man  
Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary  
Rest for those who strive  
For the good lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes, the good lord is the way, the truth and life

He's our rescuer  
He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the lord, our rescuer

So come and be chainless  
Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary

For there is redemption  
For every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary  
(Repeat)

He's our rescuer  
He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound  
Oh how grace abounds  
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### **WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE OF OUR FORGIVENESS**

- P:** For humble hearts that acknowledge everything we have is a gift of Your grace and for wisdom to use Your blessings to us as You desire, we pray to You, O Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy. For the forgiveness of our sins, sins of arrogance and greed, and for strength to overcome our lack of trust in You and our failure to consider You our greatest treasure, we pray to You, O Christ. Christ, have mercy.**
- P:** For honesty to admit how we have been guilty of loving the things of this world and for wisdom to see the grief this has caused us and You,
- C:** **Hear our plea for mercy, O Lord. With shame we confess that we have not always resisted materialism; we have not always seen this glittering vice for what it really is – one of Satan's weapons to defeat us; we too often place our faith in these earthly things.**
- P:** With sorrow for not admitting our own guilt and at times for blaming others for ungodly priorities, we ask for mercy. In silence we pause to reflect on our sins.  
*(A time of silence)*
- P:** Our gracious heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and made us members of His heavenly family.
- C:** **Each day He supplies power through Word and Sacrament that we may believe in His Son, grow in our faith, which is anchored in our Savior, and take up the mission He has set before us. With His strength, let us live lives of godliness with contentment for His glory and for the benefit of His world. Amen.**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

#### **Galatians 6:12-16**

*Christians will be tempted to give in to license or legalism in order to escape persecution. But Christ told us to expect persecution and burdens that come from carrying his cross. For the Christian, bearing the cross is a point of pride and the basis for our boasting. How can this be? We are the Church militant, and so death comes before life, the cross before the crown. By the cross the world dies to us, and we die by that same cross to the world. But after that death comes life—new life—an entirely new creation.*

Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

## **SONG**

### **“Living Water”**

God, I'm on my knees again  
God, I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh, I need You

Walking down this desert road  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh, I need You

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet, sweet honey  
On my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony  
To my ears  
Like living water on my skin

Dead man walking, slave to sin  
I want to know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh, God, I need You

So, take me to the riverside  
Take me under, baptize  
I need You  
Oh, God, I need You

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet, sweet honey  
On my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony  
To my ears  
Like living water on my skin

I don't want to abuse Your grace  
God, I need it every day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me want to change (4x)

Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet, sweet honey  
On my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony  
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Like the sound of a symphony  
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Like living water on my skin  
It's like living water

#### **THE GOSPEL LESSON**     Matthew 16:21-26

*Peter's great confession from last Sunday's Gospel showed the disciples understood who Jesus was. But though they understood his person, they still failed to understand his work. He had come to fulfill the redemptive mission for which he was anointed; he had not come to fulfill Israel's earthbound views of Messiah. He couldn't be the Messiah they wanted, and still be the Savior they needed. "He must go..." Cross and death were first necessary. When Jesus spoke most clearly about his cross, Peter spoke Satan's words of compromise. Thanks be to God that our Savior saw the necessity of the cross before the crown! Now for Christian followers, cross comes before the crown as well. We die to self, but gain Christ, the Life.*

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **"Flawless"**

There's got to be more  
Than going back and forth  
From doing right to doing wrong  
'Cause we were taught that's who we are  
Come on get in line right behind me  
You along with everybody  
Thinking there's worth in what you do  
Then like a hero who takes the stage when  
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Well let me introduce you to amazing grace

No matter the bumps  
No matter the bruises  
No matter the scars  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless  
No matter the hurt  
Or how deep the wound is  
No matter the pain  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless

Could it possibly be  
That we simply can't believe  
That this unconditional  
Kind of love would be enough  
To take a filthy wretch like this  
And wrap him up in righteousness  
But that's exactly what He did

No matter the bumps  
No matter the bruises  
No matter the scars  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless  
No matter the hurt  
Or how deep the wound is



No matter the pain  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless

Take a breath smile and say  
Right here right now I'm ok because  
The cross was enough

Then like a hero who takes the stage when  
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Well let me introduce you to grace grace  
God's grace

No matter the bumps  
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No matter the scars  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless  
No matter the hurt  
Or how deep the wound is  
No matter the pain  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless

No matter what they say  
Or what you think you are  
The day He called your name  
He made you flawless

No matter the bumps  
No matter the bruises  
No matter the scars  
Still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Explanation to the Third Article – words which confess that our faith in Jesus Christ is a gift of God, and that one day we and all believers will join together in eternal life in heaven.*

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

**On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **OFFERING**

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

**P:** We adore You, Lord Jesus: We praise You for the mercy and love You have lavished upon us through the gift of faith, and we adore You because You lead us closer each day to the goal of our faith, eternal life in heaven. We confess to You, Lord Jesus:

**C:** **We too often take our faith for granted and forget the cost You paid, death on a cross, in order to free us from Satan's goal for us, eternal punishment.**

**P:** We thank You, Lord Jesus:

**C:** **We come to You with grateful hearts, for by grace we have been saved, through the gift of faith. Thank You, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** We ask You, Lord Jesus:

**All:** **Strengthen our faith, increase our love, and help us to share Your good news with others.**

**P:** We are confident that You hear and will answer our prayer, so we say,

**All:** **Amen.**

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **“Great are You Lord”**

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only (Repeat)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord (3x)

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only (Repeat)



## **SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR**

Sunday (8/30)    **8:00 am**    **Contemporary Worship Service**  
                         9:15 am    Adult Bible Study  
                         **10:30 am**    **Contemporary Worship Service**  
                         11:45 am    Voters' Meeting in church  
Thursday        **7:00 pm**    **Worship Service w/communion**  
Saturday        7:00 am    Men's bible Study  
Sunday (9/6)    **8:00 am**    **Worship Service w/communion**  
                         9:15 am    Adult Bible Study  
                         **10:30 am**    **Worship Service w/communion**

### **NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	1 Kings 3:5-12
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	1 Timothy 6:17-21
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13:44-52
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 119b

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday*

*This service is also recorded for review after livestream.*

*Link on our website (see below).*

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

FINDING THE BETTER LIFE  
SERVICE THEME

### **PREACHER:**

Isaac Pappenfuss

### **MUSICIANS:**

UnWorthy

**SONGS:**    As Printed

### **FIRST LESSON:**

Galatians 6:12-16

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

Matthew 16:21-26

### **SERMON:**

Matthew 16:21-26

“Losing is Finding”

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