

**12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 20 & 23, 2020**



**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church**

*(Wisconsin Synod)*

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**WORSHIP NOTES** - Welcome to our worship today! Is it possible for the Christian faith to survive and thrive in a world that's indifferent at best and hostile at worst? Yes, says Paul, as he writes to strengthen their faith in Jesus and reaffirm the instruction he had passed on to them. 1 Thessalonians gives us: a model to follow, in Paul's own commitment and service to the people of God; a vision for the church, in the call to live distinctively in everyday life; and a reaffirmation of our faith, in the foundational truths of the gospel of Christ crucified, risen, and coming again. Today's theme centers on the concept of "imitation."

**SILENT PRAYER FOR BEFORE WORSHIP** - O Lord, life has trials of many kinds, and sometimes I become discouraged. Open my eyes so I may see that Your love is beyond measure, not only in good times and but also in times which are challenging. Use that truth to motivate me to keep walking in Your love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!

**Restrooms:** At the far (south) side of the entry area.

**Parents' Room:** Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

**Hearing Help:** Enhanced hearing units are available. Contact an usher.

**Large Print Hymnal:** Contact an usher.



**OPENING HYMN** "How Great thou Art" (p.7)

*Christian Worship, #256*

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

**Congregation:** **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and meditation of you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON      1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed - God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews, who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

**RESPONSE**    "Be Still, My Soul"

(p.9)

CW, #415:1

### SECOND LESSON      Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did

you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Be Still, My Soul"

(p.9)

CW, #415:2-4

**SERMON** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 "Our Imitation: Pleasing to the Lord"

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(sung to the tune of CW Hymn #486 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us")*

I believe in God the Father, maker of the heav'n and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of human birth.  
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, whom the Spirit did conceive,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; He's the God whom I believe.

Crucified, was dead, and buried; down to hell in victory;  
From the dead He rose the third day; up to heav'n triumphantly.  
There at God's right hand He's ruling by His will the world is led.  
He will come to judge the nations, both the living and the dead.

I believe in God the Spirit; in His Church, His Chosen Band.  
They are joined in sweet communion; holy in His sight they stand.

I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I'll rise again;  
I believe in life eternal. Peace and Joy are mine—Amen!

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** Lord, God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- P:** Jesus, You gave your life in our place that we might be children of God and heirs of your everlasting kingdom.
- C:** **Accept our gratitude and lift our eyes to see your power and mercy surrounding us.**
- P:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptation of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **Grant us faith to trust your promises and strength to follow your will.**
- P:** Be with people across the world who are suffering the ravages of war and natural disaster. Bless our land and those who hold offices of high trust. Direct governments to honor your moral will and to provide protection and justice.

- C:** Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.
- P:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Keep our loved ones from whatever harm to body and spirit that may threaten them. (*Special prayers*)
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer*
- P:** We bring these requests before you at the invitation of Jesus our Savior, and ask you to hear us. Use us as your instruments of love and truth in our homes and places of employment, our neighborhoods and our communities.
- C:** We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight and to your glory. Amen.

## 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.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

## BLESSING

- P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

TRUST

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

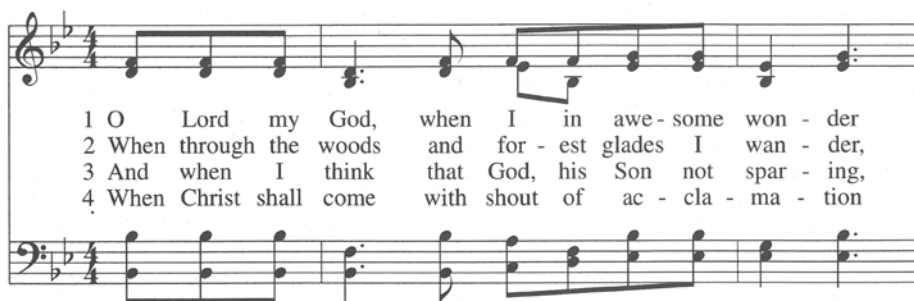
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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is al - most gone,  
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

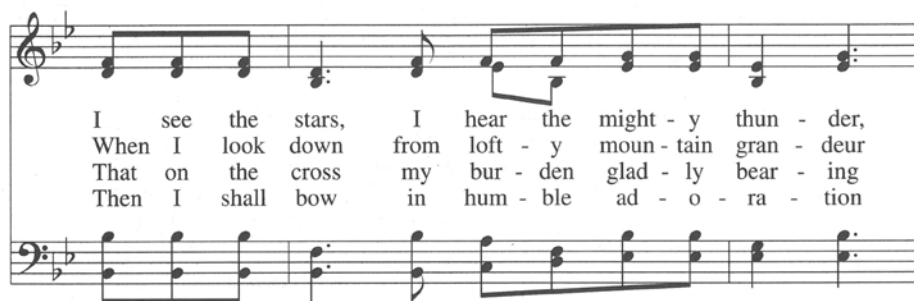
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
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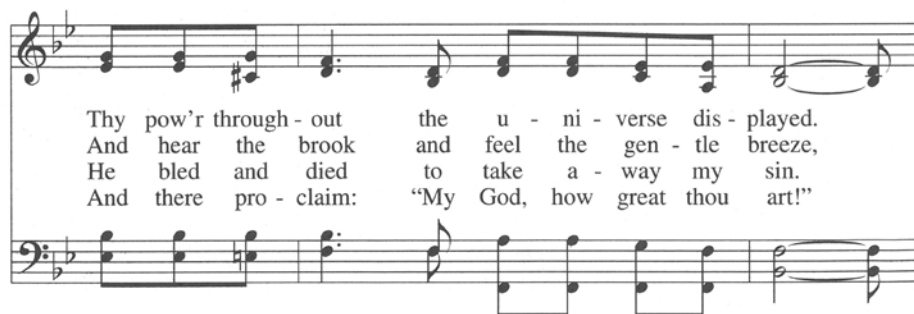
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



Con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
 And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
 When I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
 That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played,  
 And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,  
 He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 And there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, "How great thou

The first system of the refrain features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a half note and a quarter note. The bass staff accompaniment consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Sav - ior - God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

The third system concludes the refrain. The treble staff melody ends with a quarter note. The bass staff accompaniment also concludes with a quarter note. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.  
 And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;  
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;  
 Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,  
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.  
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.  
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (8/23)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Worship Service
Wednesday	8:15	am	OSLS Chapel
Thursday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Sunday (8/30)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

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

<b>1st Lesson</b>	1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18
<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Romans 6:15-23
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 17:1-10
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 27

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

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

*Link on our website (see below).*

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

**Endurance  
Inspired by Hope**

SERVICE THEME

### **PASTOR:**

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### **ORGANIST:**

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### **Vocalist:**

Lisa McLaughlin

**HYMNS:** 256, 415, 451

### **FIRST LESSON:**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

### **SECOND LESSON:**

Matthew 14:22-33

### **SERMON:**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

“Our Imitation:  
Pleasing to the Lord”

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers this week are from Doug & Sue Schnell in Celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.