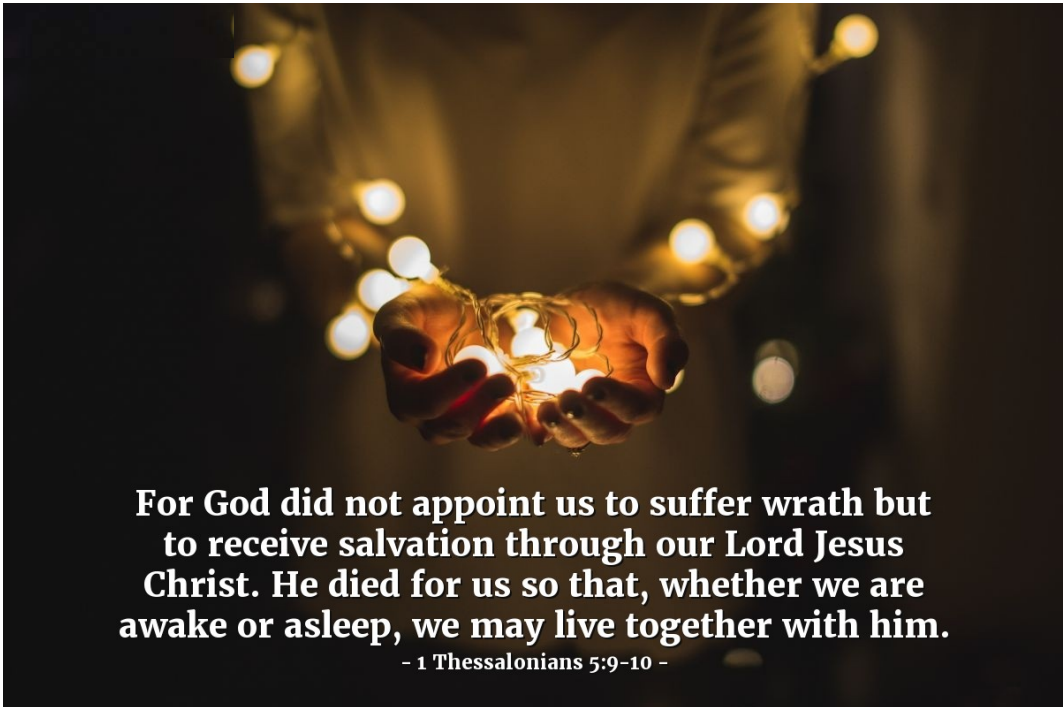


19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 8 & 11, 2020



For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 -

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Contemporary WORSHIP
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is, as Thomas declared, both God and Lord. He is, as Peter declared, the Christ. He is our peace and salvation. So, we invite our guests to meet the person behind 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. This week again we’re continuing 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 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Jon Hahm, for more information (262-377-7780).

WORSHIP NOTES **Welcome!** You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. This is his house and he is your heavenly Father. He loves you so much that he won’t let you go your own way. He’s near you – so close that he might “freak” you out because you feel how his goodness exposes your weaknesses. But with stern warning yet compassionate caring he comes not to harm us but to help us. God’s law arouses an awful awareness of pending punishment and justly deserved judgment, and then his sweet Gospel announces his decision. “I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.” By his atonement he gives us the power of his truth, with ourselves and with others. We then learn how to be honest, like he is, for the good of one another.



GUESTS – Please find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – Thanks!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: A 21ST CENTURY CREED *(together)*

In an age of anxiety,

we believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion,

we believe that the Bible is the Word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt,

we believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt,

we believe that Jesus died on the cross to remove the power of sin & Satan from our lives.

In an age of reason,

we believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

In an age of constant change,

we believe in the unchanging Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

OUR CONFESSION, OUR REALITY, OUR ASSURANCE

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been called to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

C: Why then, do we so often fail to give God the honor and glory he deserves?

P: Because of the weakness of our sinful flesh. Because of our love of comfort and ease. Because we choose to put our faith and hope in the created thing rather than the Creator himself.

C: We struggle with disillusionment and discontent. The good we want to do, we do not do. The evil we don't want to do is exactly what we do.

P: Yet, God loved us despite our weakness and sin. He sent his Son to destroy sin's power in our lives and now invites us to remove our masks of pride, of shame and entitlement. In quiet humility, we take a moment for private confession... Confident of God's forgiving love in Christ, let us approach our heavenly Father with a true heart and publicly confess our sin, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the personal assurance of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

RESPONSE SONG "I Sing as I Arise Today" (p. 8)

CWS, 779:2-4

OUR GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:28-32

The great men of Israel had gathered against Jesus. These men knew all the words to say and ways to act, but the only "righteousness" they had was a self-righteousness that offended God. They claimed to be doing God's work and fulfilling his will, but there was no repentance and no true obedience. The parable Jesus spoke against them convicts every self-righteous person. What a stinging rebuke of our lukewarm Christianity that confesses Christ with our mouth but denies him with our deeds! Repent, Christ says, and believe—true obedience will surely follow.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his

mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

SONG OF THE DAY "Day by Day" (p. 9) CWS, 765

SERMON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 "Our Hope: Waiting Confidently"

OFFERING

SONG "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" (p. 10) CW, 536

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG "God is Here! As We His People" (p. 6) CW, 532:4

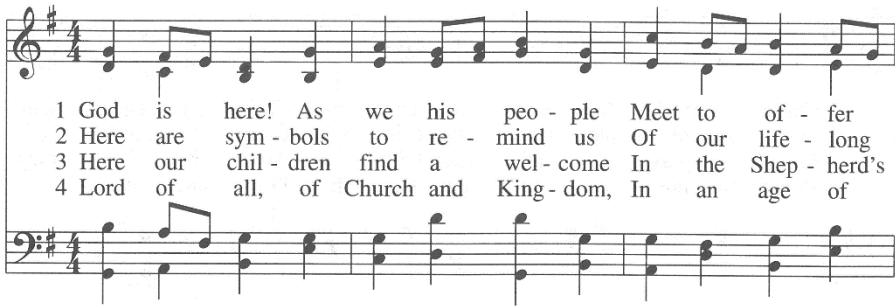


SILENT PRAYER

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God Is Here! As We His People



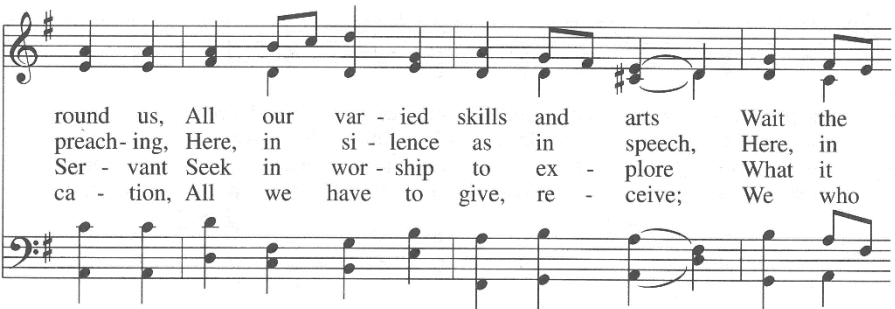
1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the
 preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in
 Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it
 ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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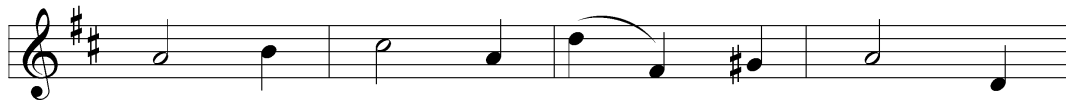
I Sing as I Arise Today



1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I
 2 The word of God to be my speech, The
 3 The work of God to be my joy, The
 4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
 hand of God to be my stay, The
 house of God to be my rest, The
 cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The
 shield of God to be my strength, The
 grace of God to be my song, The
 Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,
 path of God to be my way,
 praise of God to be my best.
 day and ev - er - more the same.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

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Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear, no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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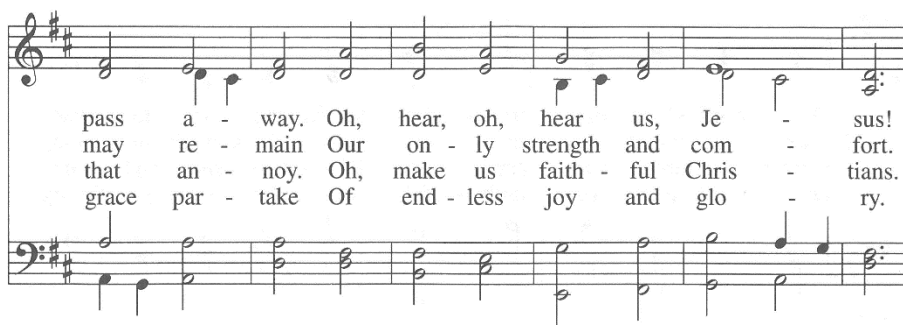
Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all

da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you bows, And waits for
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, True u - ni -
 low - ly. And may your Word, that light di - vine, Shine on in
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, To find in

your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, Your Church
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your
 splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pent - ance show, In faith
 you all plea - sure. Oh, grant us stead - fast - ness In joy

shall en - dure Though all the world de - cay And all things
 sav - ing Word To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 ev - er grow. The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran
10-11-20 Endurance #4

Sermon Outline
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Intro: People lose hope. It's a fact – and a sad one – that sometimes people lose all confidence in their own abilities, the support of others and the care of God. But Paul, who wrote this letter, also wrote Romans 8:24-25. Faith, given by the Spirit, also satisfies us so we can wait.

Our Hope: Waiting Confidently

1. No Worries: about Death (4:13-18)

- 1.1 Some may have a fear of missing out (FOMO).
- 1.2 Paul's assurance includes us, dead or alive.

APP: How we view tomorrow (future) shapes how we live today (present). As painful as death is – we have an answer! We do not grieve without hope, but we long for the permanent reunion.

2. No Worries: about Dates (5:1-11)

- 2.1 Waiting is not wandering but rather is the cultivating of readiness:
 - Awake (5:4-5); Alert (5:6-7), Armed (5:8); Assured (5:9-10)
- 2.2 He offers strong support for the fortitude of faith.

APP: Living in the light of Christ's return does not mean some mystical experience or retreat from daily existence. It's shown in concrete, everyday actions.

Conclusion: One day Jesus will be personally present - Lord of the nations, king and judge - in a transformed and recreated earth and heaven, the culmination of God's purposes for his people and his world. Meanwhile, we do all we can to be 'signposts' pointing to the restoration that Jesus will one day (soon?) complete.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (10/11)	8:00	am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30	am	Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship w/communion
Sunday (10/18)	8:00	am	Worship w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship w/communion
	11:45	am	Voters' Meeting

Next Week's Readings	
First Lesson	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 13:5-8
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32
Psalm	Psalm 25

*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

**WAITING WITHOUT
WANDERING
Service Theme**

PASTOR:

Mark Wagner

MUSICIANS:

Zach Steinbach

SONGS:

As Printed

FIRST LESSON:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 21:28-32

THE SERMON:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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