

4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 20, 2021



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” (John 14:1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: We’re glad that you’re here this morning to share this time of worship with us to grow us in Christ’s love and learn how to share that love with joy. Today we will hear the Apostle Paul encourage the Colossian congregation with the Word and love of Christ. We can grow in our appreciation of each other, in our mutual affection as fellow followers of Jesus. And, we can continue to declare the “true message of the Gospel” that has come to us. That includes keeping our eyes on our destination, our taking up residence in God’s house, and the assurance that the best part is yet to come.

The Lord’s Supper, which we celebrate today, is an evidence and an expression of the unity of faith shared by those who commune together. For that reason we ask that only persons who are members of congregations in fellowship with the WELS participate in the sacrament with us. Other guests are encouraged to speak to our pastor for information about participating in the Lord’s Supper at our altar.



GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

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

Parents’ Room: At the far left (southwest) of the entry.

Hearing Help: Enhanced hearing units are available.

Large Print Hymnal: Contact an usher.

God Bless you, Tom & Linda! This is the final weekend of ministry for Staff Minister Tom Hering at Our Savior and as we celebrate God’s goodness to you and to us through you, we pray for rich blessings to follow you through the years to come. It has been a privilege to work with you on all levels and you have been a remarkable part of our pastoral team. Well done, good and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Divine Service 2

HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.

STAND

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C: **I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, it is your desire to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus for the strengthening of your faith in him as your savior, and for the assurance that your sins are forgiven.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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 that of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ you be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: I now ask you before God who searches our hearts. Is this your sincere confession that you repent of your sins, believe in Jesus as your Savior, and intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life, then answer, "Yes."

C: **Yes.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a representative of Christ and His Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the place 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.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY MARK 10:47

Kyrie

- P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.**
- P:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do;

C: **through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON *Jonah 3:1-10*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Faith comes by hear - ing the
mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the
Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **MARK 4:26-34**

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." The Parable of the Mustard Seed Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

After the Gospel:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

SERMON LESSON Colossians 1:3-8

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

SERMON

Colossians 1:3-8 & John 14:1-6

“In Our Father’s House, We are Thankful”

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the
Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ISAIAH 6:3, MATTHEW 21:9

Sanctus

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| <p>1. O holy, holy, holy
Lord God, to you we pray,
The heavens show your glory,
The earth your works display.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.</p> | <p>2. Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!</p> |
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:9-13

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 INSTITUTION

MATTHEW 26:26-28; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

JOHN 1:29

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Our Savior Lutheran practices member communion. We ask that only WELS or ELS members partake of the sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

LUKE 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis (sung to the tune of O Savior, Precious Savior, CW #368)

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| 1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel! | 2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity. |
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P:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

P: 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: **Amen.**

HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!



SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell – A special farewell celebration has been set between services on Sunday. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to offer our appreciation for Tom Hering’s ministry. Refreshments and drinks will be offered as we reminisce and send them forth with our prayers and love and support.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (6/20)		Happy Father's Day!	
	8:00 AM		Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM		Retirement Celebration for Tom Hering
	10:30 AM		Worship Service w/Communion
Wednesday	6:30 PM		Bible Information Class
	7:30 PM		Men's Softball
Thursday	7:00 PM		Worship Service
Sunday (6/27)	8:00 AM		Worship Service
	9:15 AM		Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM		Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Proverbs 30:4,5
Second Lesson	Acts 27:13-26
Gospel	Mark 4:35-41
Psalm	Psalm 46

*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

**WHAT MUTUAL MINISTRY
MEANS
Service Theme**

PASTOR: Mark Wagner

MUSICIAN: Zach Steinbach

HYMNS: As printed

FIRST LESSON:
Jonah 3:1-10

SECOND LESSON:
Colossians 1:3-8

GOSPEL LESSON:
Mark 4:26-34

THE SERMON:
Colossians 1:3-8 &
John 14:1-6

"IN OUR FATHER'S
HOUSE, WE ARE
THANKFUL"
