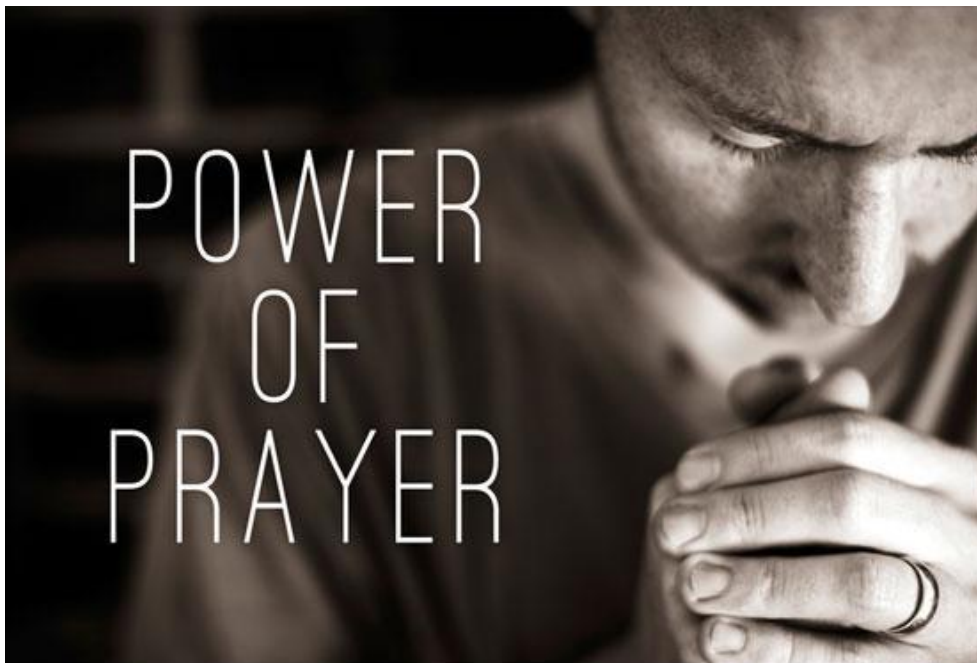


# 11<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

## August 8, 2021



### 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, Nate Schultz, 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 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 mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**OPENING SONG**

**“Here I Am to Worship”**

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days O, so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me. (repeat)

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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

### **SONG**

#### **"Awesome God"**

*(Choir - Congregation)*

*When He rolls up His sleeves  
He ain't just puttin' on the Ritz.*

**Our God is an awesome God.**

*There is thunder in His footsteps  
and light'ning in His fists.*

**Our God is an Awesome God.**

*And the Lord wasn't joking when He kicked them out of Eden.*

*It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood  
His return is very close so you better be believing*

**That our God is an awesome God**

**Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from Heaven above  
With wisdom power and love  
Our God is an awesome God.**

*And when the sky was starless*

*in the void of the night,*

**Our God is an awesome God**

*He spoke into the darkness and created the light.*

**Our God is an awesome God.**

*The judgement and wrath he poured out on Sodom*

*The mercy and grace He gave us at the cross.*

*I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten*

**That our God is an awesome God.**

**Our God is an awesome God**

**He reigns from Heaven above**

**With wisdom power and love**

**Our God is an awesome God. (Repeat 2 times)**

*Our God is an awesome God*

*Our God is an awesome God.*

### **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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** based on the First Lesson

**THE FIRST LESSON** Exodus 16:2-15

*As the Israelites traveled through the desert, they were hungry. So the Lord demonstrated a mighty miracle. He provided quail every evening and bread (manna, or "What is it?") every morning.*

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord." Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.' " While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.' " That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

**SONG**

**"Seek Ye First"**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord  
Allelu Alleluia

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
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**THE GOSPEL LESSON    JOHN 6:24-35**

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**"Standing on the Promise"**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,

Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord.  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

*(Musical interlude while the congregation stands)*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

**SERMON Acts 4:23-31 "Be Brave in Seeking the Power of Prayer"**

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea,

and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. ' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

### **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 & WELS CONNECTION**

*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!*

### **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**

**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**

#### **“The Song of Jesus Christ”**

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the creator's praise arise. Aleluia! Aleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Aleluia

We're gonna sing his praise without fear!  
Come together, my friends  
For the Savior's drawing near  
Anthem of praise, a tune of thanks,  
Watch your worries disappear!  
The Song of Jesus Christ is living here.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord  
Eternal is your glorious word. Aleluia! Aleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Aleluia!

We're gonna sing his praise without fear!

Come together, my friends  
For the Savior's drawing near  
Anthem of praise, a tune of thanks,  
Watch your worries disappear!  
The Song of Jesus Christ is living here.

Aleluia, Alelu,  
Aleluia, Alelu

We're gonna sing his praise without fear!  
Come together, my friends  
For the savior's drawing near  
Anthem of praise, a tune of thanks,  
Watch your worries disappear!  
The Song of Jesus Christ is living here. (repeat)

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**SILENT PRAYER**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

School  
&  
Church  
Picnic



**11:15 am, immediately following 10 am worship**

Hamburgers, hot-dogs & brats served off the grill

Lemonade Ice cream

Games (for all ages) after lunch.

**Thursday worship at 7 pm and Sunday at 10 am**

What to bring: Dessert or Side-dish to share

FREE WILL OFFERING

**JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP!**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (8/8)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	11:45	am	Call Meeting
Monday	5:30	pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30	pm	Men's Softball Game
Thursday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
			<b>Installation Sunday</b>
Sunday (8/15)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15	am	Reception for our New Teachers
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>

### 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).*

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

**PRAY BOLDLY**  
SERVICE THEME

### PASTOR:

Mark Wagner

### MUSICIANS:

Katie Koffman - guitar & vocals

Jon Hahm - piano & vocals

George Edwards - drums

### Vocals:

Rod Bollinger

Deanna Edwards

Kennedy Altendorf

Sophia Heil

SONGS: As Printed

### FIRST LESSON:

**EXODUS 16:2-15**

### GOSPEL LESSON:

**JOHN 6:24-35**

### SERMON:

**ACTS 4:23-31**

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**"Be Brave in Seeking the  
Power of Prayer"**