

Christian Education Emphasis

September 9th & 12th, 2021



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: *For everything that was written in the past was written to **teach us**, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.* Romans 15:4

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we see your great love for us in Jesus, who fulfilled your plan to save us and all the world by his perfect life and innocent death. Fill us with your love that it may overflow through us to others. Moved by your grace, lead us to share the good news of our Savior and to show your love through acts of kindness and mercy. Bless our efforts of Christian education which seek your Spirit's power to move your Word from our heads to our hearts to our hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: Welcome to our Savior and to our celebration of Christian Education Weekend! Our worship today will discuss the concept of "discernment" which is desperately needed in today's world. Paul prays that we learn how to make decisions based on the truth of God's Word and on how our actions will affect the long range goal of building God's Kingdom.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"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.

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS and the ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: We have gathered in the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children, to not only know his word, but to act according to his will. We have disobeyed God. We deserve his wrath and punishment. We are helpless by ourselves to undo our wrongs and win God's favor. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy. For he has promised to hear our cry for help.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, sins I know about and sins I am not even aware of. I do not deserve to be one of your children. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior from sin, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sins, and take away my guilt. Restore to me the joy of knowing that heaven is my home because your Son, Jesus, is my Savior.**

P: God, our Father in heaven, has forgiven all your sins. Because of Jesus, God has removed your guilt forever. You are God's child. May he give you strength to live according to his will. Amen.

SONG

"First Song of Isaiah"

K-8 Sing 10:30am

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we see your great love for us in Jesus, who fulfilled your plan to save us and all the world by his perfect life and innocent death. Fill us with your love that it may overflow through us to others. Moved by your grace, lead us to share the good news of our Savior and to show your love through acts of kindness and mercy. Bless our efforts of Christian education which seek your Spirit's power to move your Word from our heads to our hearts to our hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7a

Through God's plan of salvation, God's people have hope. Fear flees. The Lord brings remarkable change and refreshment. Hearts are transformed. The good news of a Savior brings new life through faith given and strengthened by his Spirit.

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shout for you. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - based on the OT Lesson "How to Know that God has Come"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:31-37

Jesus demonstrates that he is true God through his divine power. But like the person healed, we see not only his power, but his love. Truly our Savior is the source of all blessings, both for our body and for our soul. (Please stand)

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought a man to him who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha?" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

APOSTLES' CREED *(Spoken in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

WE SING

“Tis So Sweet”

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know this saith the Lord

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’re
Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me
Will be with me to the end

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’re
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SERMON

Philippians 1:9-10 **“LEARN TO DISCERN WHAT’S BEST”**

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

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!

(Please stand)

WE RESPOND

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been Thou forever will be

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands
Great, great is Your faithfulness
You never let go this one thing I know
Great, great is Your faithfulness

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessing all mine with ten thousand beside

Great, great is Your faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Mourning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand has provide
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Ephesians 3)

- P: Dear Savior, we are grateful for the many agencies of Christian education. Through them we learn to “grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
- C: **Bless those who teach us of your grace and present the full measure of law and gospel. Bless our Sunday School, our Lutheran elementary school, and all our adult Bible studies where your truths are taught and the Holy Spirit works in our hearts.**
- P: Lord, bless those who listen and learn and seek to grow in faith and understanding.
- C: **Out of your glorious riches, dear Jesus, strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that you may dwell in our hearts through faith, and that we might express your love to others through our words and actions.**

P: Lord, let your Word dwell deep in our hearts and the power of the resurrection lead us to live a new life which expresses itself in selfless action. And now we come to you, dear Savior, with some special prayers and requests...

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND 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**

SONG

"First Song of Isaiah"

K-8th Sing 8:00am

THE BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SONG

"Day by Day"

Day by day, your mercies, Lord attend me.
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord you send me
Draw me nearer to my heavenly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest
Savior lead me to the home I treasure
Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey
I will seek your loving will to guide me
O're the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow
I will trust in your enduring grace
Savior help me bear life's pain and sorrow
Till in glory I behold your face.

Oh what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear
Oh what joy to know that you will hear me
When I come O Lord to you in prayer.
Day by day no matter what betide me
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior with your presence here to guide me
I will reach at last the promised land.

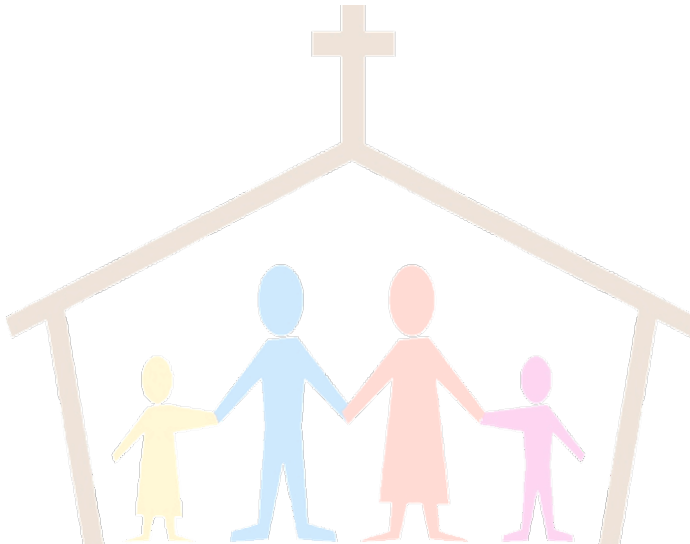


SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

Between 9:00-9:15 am on Sept. 12th, please visit the table in the hallway off the Narthex to complete the Student Information Sheet. Sunday School staff will be available to direct you and answer any questions. Students will then begin in their classrooms with pickup in the lower-level lobby of the Family Life Center at 10:15 am.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF

<u>Superintendent</u>	Pastor Mark C. Wagner	
<u>Our Savior Lutheran School</u>		
	Nathan Schultz	Grades 6-8 and Principal
	Aaron Trimmer	Grades 3-5 and Athletic Director
	Emily Christie	Grades 1-2 and Music
	Annette Favorite	Kindergarten
	Annmarie DiGangi	Pre-K
	Amanda Gronholz	Departmentalized
<u>Sunday School</u>		
	Coordinator	Katie Koffman
	Grades 3-6	Hannah Wagie and Hilary Vatter
	Grades K-2	Jennifer Trimmer and Alyssa Pautz
	Pre-K (Ages 3-4)	Talia Bloedel
<u>Board of Christian Education</u>		
	Joel Fischer	Chairman
	Dayton Behnke	Member
	Dan Lederer	Member
	Jimmy Pautz	Member
	Kent Russell	Member
<u>K.M.L. Delegates</u>	Robert Klug, Scott Martens, Nathan Schultz, Dan Seyfert, Chad Thistle, Aaron Trimmer, Mark Wagner	

2021 Fall Bible Study Opportunities at Our Savior

Our full fall schedule begins this week as we begin to offer a full slate of studies and classes, in addition to some small groups that gather for personalized studies. We'd like to engage you in studying the Word of God. Here are some of the opportunities to do so at Our Savior during the fall this year.

Day of Week	Age Group	Class Name & Schedule
Sunday	Adults	<p><u>FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY</u> – Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The <i>Burden Bearing</i> Bible study provides encouragement, instruction, and practical examples to help Christians bear one another's burdens. This Bible study covers the following eight lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Live in a Burdened World • Sin Leaves Burdens in Its Wake • Burdens Also Come to Believers' Lives • Burdens Are Bridges to Repentance and Faith • God, Why Won't You Take Away Our Burdens? • Christ Is the Ultimate Burden Bearer • Christians Carry One Another's Burdens • Remember Those Who Bear Special Burdens <p>This study will be taught by our Pastoral Team in the Fellowship Hall.</p>
Sunday	Teens: 8th-high school	Not gathering right now... we'll include our teens in the adult studies but hope to resume weekly faith-based discussions on timely topics in the months ahead.
Sunday	Children (age 3 – 6 th grade)	Sunday School - Bible History Classes which teach the history of God's grace and the plan of salvation through the simple, narrative Bible stories. Starts Sept 12th at 9:15 am in the school classrooms.
Tuesday	Seniors	1 Thessalonians - starts Sept. 21 at 10:30 am in the church office classroom.
Saturday	Men	Studying Acts - every first and third Saturday morning at 7am with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.



Adult Sunday Study

September 12 - November 14

Between Services — Starts at 9:15am

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**HEAR MY CRY for help, my KING AND my God, for to you I pray.
IN THE MORNING, LORD, I lay my REQUESTS before you AND wait EXPECTANTLY.**
PSALM 5:1-3

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (9/12)	8:00	am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30	pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship w/communion
Saturday	7:00	am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (9/19)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service W/communion
	11:45	am	Annual Voters' Meeting & Call Meeting with lunch

*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

**"WE GAIN SKILL WITH OUR
BEST TOOL: SCRIPTURE"**
SERVICE THEME

PREACHER:

MARK WAGNER

MUSICIANS:

Emily Christie - Piano
Jimmy Pautz - Guitar
Alyssa Pautz - Violin
George Edwards – Drums

VOCALISTS:

Stephanie Boeckman
Deanna Edwards
Mark Mandler
Jimmy & Alyssa Pautz

SONGS:

As Printed

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