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Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

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Contemporary WORSHIP 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 10, 2021

- **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.
- <u>Christian Education</u>: 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, Nathan Schultz, 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.



OPENING SONG "The King of Love My Shepherd is"

The king of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth and where the verdant pastures grow and food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee dear Lord beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never Good shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever."

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.

WE LISTEN TO THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:18-24

Note how careful God is in his institution of marriage and how eager he is that husband and wife see each other as a special blessing from God. He does not give Adam a wife until Adam first recognizes his need for one. Then he takes the greatest care in providing for that need. It is even greater care than he employed when he created Adam in the first place. Then God himself, without consulting either Adam or Eve, regulates the marriage he himself has instituted in a way that will best serve the interests of the married and ultimately of the Church and society as well. Adam got the point and spoke the first humanly authored love poem addressed chiefly in praise of God. (The first love poem was God's own at the creation in Genesis 1:26.)

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

SONG

"Same God"

The same God who makes the planet spin tells the tide when it should rise put the color in my eyes The same God who makes the seasons change knows the number of the stars every secret in my heart. All my doubts, all my questions in every fear I have about what might happen.

You're the same God. You're with me in the middle of it all, God You're catching every tear as it falls I know You'll never change even when I'm feeling far away. You love me the same God. You love me the same God. You love me the same God. You love me the same. You're a God of grace and empathy You know how it feels to cry cause You lived a human life. You're not afraid of anything. Even darkness is a light. There's no reason I should hide All my doubts, all my questions in every fear I have about what might happen.

You're the same God. You're with me in the middle of it all, God You're catching every tear as it falls I know You'll never change even when I'm feeling far away. You love me the same God. You love me the same God. You love me the same God. You love me the same.

Even when I'm running, when I feel ashamed even when I'm breaking. Still You love me Even when I'm lonely, when I lose my way when I don't believe it. Still You love me the same God. You're with me in the middle of it all God. You're catching every tear as it falls I know You'll never change even when I'm feeling far away. You love me the same God. You love me the same God. You love me the same. You love me the same.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE based on the Old Testament Lesson

WE LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Each marriage should be seen by those in it as a most precious gift of God. The gospel lesson is a warning not only to those who actually divorce but also to those whose behavior inside of marriage displays a lack of appreciation for the beautiful gift of God in one another and their children. It is also an encouragement to those who are faithful in their family to appreciate God's special blessing through their family for this life and as a mirror for the life of the family with Christ in his marriage with the Church.

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

SONG OF THE DAY

"You are My All In All"

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel Lord to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Jesus Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all When I fall down, You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

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SERMON Ephesians 5:21-6:4 "How Reverence can Renew your Relationships"

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!

SONG

"God You are My God"

No praise can define You. No thought could contain You, God. No other one is holy, no other one is robed in righteousness. God You are my God, Glorious glorious

No light can outshine You. No pow'r can defeat You, God. No other one is holy, no other one is high and lifted up. God You are my God, glorious glorious God You are my God, victorious victorious

From the dawn of time You reign to the end of days You're the God who saves. Sing, all the earth will shout Your praise You will never change, You're the God who saves God You are my God, glorious glorious God You are my God, victorious victorious God You are my God, glorious glorious God You are my God, victorious victorious

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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

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend. Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace. You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way. Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for. (Musicale interlude)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own. Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne. Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for. (repeat)

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS





Vision 2022 Update

Our Savior Lutheran

VTO means **"Vision Traction Organizer"** which is a simple title for the 6 year comprehensive long range plan based on our Vision and Core Values that guides leaders to understand and own the next critical steps to carry our ministry forward.

In the place of our Adult Study we will share the outcome of a special meeting which occurred in May. Our Church Council engaged an advisory group called "Grace in Action" to help us build a template for determining who our target audience is and how we can incrementally move forward toward major goals. This tool is especially good at capturing the 'big picture" without losing sight of the next step necessary for each division of ministry. It will assist us in our planning, communicating and following up on what is or needs to be done...!

October 10th

Between Services — Starts at 9:15am Church Sanctuary **Intro:** The more I read Scripture the more I think that our world has gone upside down. God's values and principles for marriage, family and employment seem archaic or simplistic from the world's perspective. But, they work because they're part of the owners instruction manual.

How Reverence can Renew your Relationships

1. Hey, Notice that Submission is not a Dirty Word!

- 1.1 What "submission" is not....
 - being less important/intellectual/influential; a doormat; pollyanna politeness; keeping others from getting ahead.
- 1.2 What "submission" is...
 - a position of strength, not weakness; based on commitment; set in motion by sacrifice; filled with honor & respect; flows from the Spirit himself.

App: Christ submitted to his Father, and to us. Without this commitment we could never comprehend what true love and respect are. In Jesus we have both the perfect model and the restorer of our relationships. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

2. OK, Learn that Reverence will Reframe your Perspective on Life.

- 2.1 The Biblical context for reciprocal respect starts with Christ.
- 2.2 If you don't have a deep desire to know him, how can you serve each other?
- 2.3 Leaders who love like Christ will serve their families well.
- 2.4 Children who discover their role will benefit richly.

App: Words written by a never-married apostle make us certain that the Scriptures are indeed inspired by the Holy Spirit. This isn't based on human guesses or experience. It's divine wisdom, from our maker and provider, our Father in heaven.

Conclusion: No one who truly knows and serves the Lord Jesus Christ will persist in being a *taker*. It is by his own *giving* that our Savior has proven how love will outlast all other human constructs of society - and the Christian family remains safe because the peace of Christ rules in our hearts (see Col. 3:12-17).

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (10/10)	8:00	am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15	am	VTO Open Forum
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30	am	Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	am	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:30	pm	PTF Meeting
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship w/communion
Saturday	7:00	am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00	pm	Trunk or Treat
Sunday (10/17)	8:00	am	Worship w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship w/communion

Next Week's Readings	
First Lesson	Ezekiel18:1-4, 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).

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

HONOR CHRIST IN YOUR HOME Service Theme

PASTOR: Mark Wagner

VOCALISTS: Andrea Havlik Stephanie Boeckman Deanna Edwards

KEYBOARD: Sarah Baumann

Songs: As Printed

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:2-16

THE SERMON: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

"How Reverence can Renew your Relationships"