19th Sunday of Pentecost September 30 & October 3, 2021



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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, accomplish your will in me. Strengthen me so that I may serve you more faithfully. Help me to overcome all sluggishness to worship you and all indifference to your Word. On this day of worship accept my heartfelt praise for your love. Help me to dedicate myself wholly to your Son and my Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

<u>GUESTS</u>: The family of believers at Our Savior Lutheran Church welcomes you to this worship service. It is our privilege to share with you the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Thank you for coming and please worship with us again soon.

<u>WORSHIP NOTES</u> The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own sinful flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world.

The Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is evidence and an expression of the unity of faith shared by those who commune together. For that reason, we ask that 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING HYMN

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

CW, # 586:1-4

O Splendor of God's glory bright, You daily bring forth light from light. O Light from Light, light's fountain-spring, O Day, our days enlightening:

Come, very Sun of truth and love, Come in your radiance from above, And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do today.

Teach us to work with all our pow'r
To conquer in temptation's hour.
Let faith her eager fires renew
And hate the false and love the true.

Oh, joyful be the livelong day, Our thoughts as pure as morning ray, Our faith like noonday's glowing height, Our souls undimmed by shades of night.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

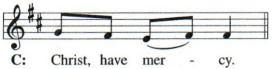
- **P:** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- **P:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me a sinner.
- **P:** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

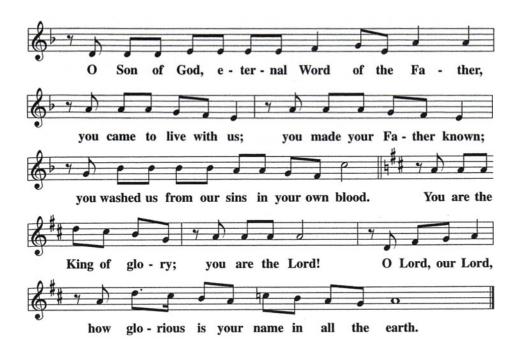


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A

The apostle Paul trusts that God is in charge, and that even those who are self-seeking in their preaching may serve a purpose. To the extent that they still preach the gospel, the Holy Spirit can work to create faith in spite of the motives of the preacher. Paul is not, of course, expressing indifference either to motives or to false doctrine. He is expressing confidence in God and in the power of the gospel.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former

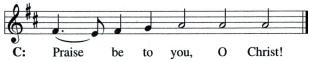
preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.

VERSE OF THE DAY - Philippians 2:10,11

C: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL MARK 9:38-50

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.' Everyone will be salted with fire. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, that the Lord would Guide My Ways"

CW, # 462

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands 'Tis a delightful road Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

THE SERMON MARK 9:42-50

"Serious about Sin"

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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.

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

He ascended into heaven

He suffered death and was buried.

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.

THE OFFERINGS

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!

THE OFFERING HYMN "How Can I Thank You"

CW, # 460:5

O Father, God of love, now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be my ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here and there with you abide.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

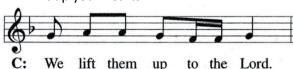
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE SACRAMENT

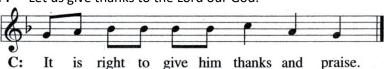
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **P:** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promise, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.
- C: As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

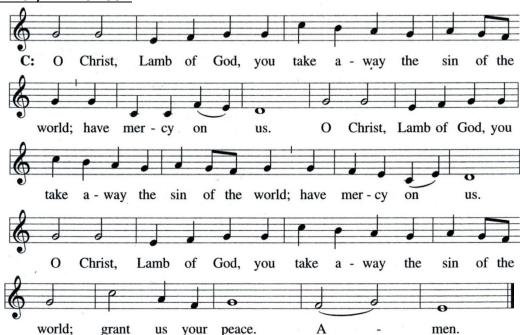


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

CW, # 385

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine! Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart
Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me. All my wants to him are known; All my sorrows are his own. Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,
By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

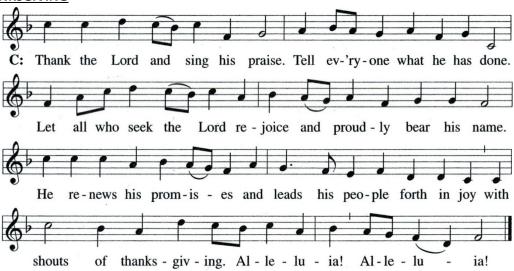
CW, # 471

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.

Destroy in me the lust of sin; From all impureness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word. Oh, let your will be my desire And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.

THANKSGIVING



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.



THE CLOSING HYMN

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

CW, # 586:5

All praise to God the Father be, All praise to Christ eternally, Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore.



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



THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

| Sunday (10/3) | 8:00 | AM | Worship Service w/communion |
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| | 9:15 | AM | Adult Bible Study |
| | 9:15 | AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 | AM | Worship Service w/communion |
| Wednesday | 4:00 | PM | Public School Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 7:00 | PM | Worship Service |
| Sunday (10/10) | 8:00 | AM | Worship Service |
| | 9:15 | AM | VTO Open Forum – All invited! |
| | 9:15 | AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 | AM | Worship Service |

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson Isaiah 35:3-7a Second Lesson Acts 3:1-10 Gospel Mark 7:31-37

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream.



Scan to go to the Youtube Channel

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LORD, DAILY I NEED YOUR HELP TO CLEANSE MY HEART Service Theme

PREACHING:

Mike Hintz

ORGANIST:

Ann Peterman

HYMNS: 586:1-4, 462, 460:5,

385, 471, 586:5

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FLOWERS

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE FROM ELLIE LEMBCKE IN LOVING MEMORY OF BOB.