



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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+The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

"Hour of Worship" by Hanley Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

***Liturgy to Mark the End of Pastor's Sabbatical**

Opening Words

John Law

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for the work God gives this congregation, and for the leadership Pastor Kevin provides.

We ask God's blessing on us and on Pastor Kevin as he returns to us from this Sabbatical time.

We give thanks to God for bringing Pastor Kevin back into our community safely and we look forward to the new things that God is doing in our midst as we seek together to Glorify God with our gifts to serve all people.

Congregation: We rejoice that God has brought you back into our presence refreshed, and we welcome you with open arms.

Pastor: it is good to be back among God's people at Our Savior's Lutheran Church! During this sabbatical time, I studied and read, and gained new insights for myself personally as a leader, and as a Pastor. I have reconnected with my family, and have renewed my faith in wonderful ways through rest in spending time with God. I am grateful Our Savior's for this sabbatical time.

Congregation: We thank the Lord for this time apart and for this time of returning!

Pastor: I thank God for our shared ministry over the past 9 years. I am committed to the mission and ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to God's people in this community, and to the future that God has planned for us.

Returning of the Pastor's Stole

John Law

The primary and unity symbol for Pastor's is their stole. It points to their being set apart by the Church for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

We now Place Pastor Kevin's stole on his shoulders to mark the end of this intentional sabbatical time and to indicate his return to active ministry among us.

Congregational Laying on Hands

John Law

Eternal God, you fill us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for Pastor Kevin, his family, and for our life together at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. As we return from Sabbatical time, enfold us all back into the life and ministry on this congregation in this community; fill us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The Peace of Christ

John Law

The peace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you. **Amen.**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



***Gathering Hymn**

"Oh, For Thousand Tongues"

#886 vs. 1-4

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

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1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

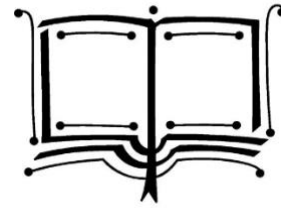
Reading

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

A reading from Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.



⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm (Ps. 67:3) to be sung responsively

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

¹*May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.*

²**Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

³*Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.*

⁴**Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹ tions on
earth.**

⁵*Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.*

⁶**The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.**

⁷*May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.*

Children's Message

Pastor Kevin C. Olson

*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]



²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Outsider"

Pastor Kevin C. Olson

***Hymn of the Day**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#759

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



***Prayers of Intercession**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

"Whispering Hope" by Hawthorne/Hughes

***Offertory Response**

This is My Father's World

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This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
Rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry-where

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.



***Great Thanksgiving**

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**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lamb of God p. 208

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	#496
	<i>"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"</i>	#488
	<i>"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"</i>	#818

***Prayer after Communion**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *"Rise, Shine, You People!"* #665

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *"Festival" by Benton Price*

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Acolytes: Gretchen Hoertsch & Naomi Ronning
Choir Director : Roy Berg**
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Keith & Cindy Eggert
Videographer: Dustin Davidson & John Law
Tellers: Fred Fawkes & Donna Hoag
Altar Guild: Betty Wilson

NEWS & NOTES



Birthdays & Anniversaries:
Happiest of Birthday Wishes to our August Members with Special Recognition to Patricia Johnson (08/21) and Sylvia Lehman (08/25).

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Peggy Graham in loving memory of Lorraine Larson-Sterns.



Let us join for coffee and cake fellowship immediately after worship this morning to greet Pastor Kevin and Sandi as he returns back from his sabbatical.



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SCAN ME

****Friendly Reminder****Choir will be meeting August 30th

LET'S "DO LUNCH"...

An invite to all women of the church to join us for lunch at Sammy's tomorrow, Monday, August 21 at noon. It's time to get together and make plans for a myriad of fall activities, such as pasty bake, "bazaar lunch", Project Care Spaghetti Feed, "God's Work, Our Hands". Lots to discuss and we need your input and advice. Tomorrow at noon at Sammy's. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 20th

9:00 Worship
9:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
10:00 Fellowship
11:15 Chapel of the Pines

Monday, 21st

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 22nd

1:00 Staff
6:30 Worship Comm.

Wednesday, 23rd

8:30 Bible Study

Thursday, August 24

VOICE Deadline

