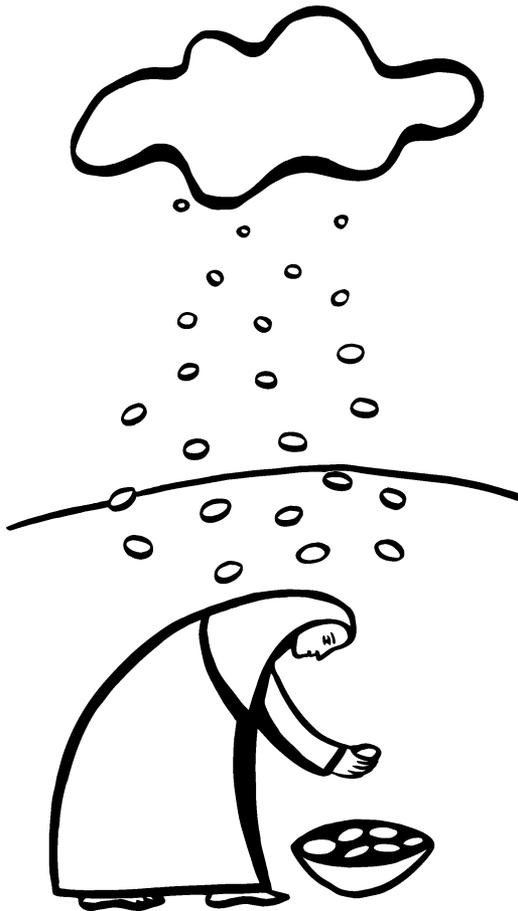


Welcome To Our Savior Lutheran Church



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WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

PRELUDE

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,

C: to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God,

C: eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the

people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God

and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO St. John 6:24-35

Glory to you, O Lord

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of

God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our

ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that

which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this

bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Really – It Is God’s Work!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

APOSTLE CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we
offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all
of creation.

A brief silence.

P: You call your church to be the body of Christ.
Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide
for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the
church is divided, knit us together and restore the
unity of the faith.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: You command the clouds above and cause the
wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts
and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests,
defend species at risk of extinction, and
strengthen the work of conservation
organizations. Send rain to parched lands to
revive and encourage continued growth.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: You summon servants to respond to the needs of
your people. Instill those who govern with
patience when confronted with grievances and
perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-
being of the community.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: You provide food that endures for eternal life.
Sustain us each day with the bread of life until
we are gathered with all the saints and feast
together at your heavenly banquet.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God,
confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY

BENEDICTION

P: 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.
C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Forever

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord - our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life - that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

chorus

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace - of God - we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

Repeat chorus

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MISSION STATEMENT

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19:48

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

TODAY – August 1

9:00 am Worship

MONDAY – August 2

6:00 pm Outreach Board Mtg.

TUESDAY – August 3

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

3:00 pm Service & Mission Board Mtg.

WEDNESDAY – August 4

4:00 pm Worship Board Mtg.

5:15 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY – August 5

12:00 pm Optimist – Pastor Mike

6:30 pm Book Worms

SUNDAY – August 8

9:00 am Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING! We are happy you have joined us today to praise, listen and be fed by Almighty God. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Charlene Barth.

THIRD QUARTER GIVING JUG (July, August, Sept.)

FREEDOM FOR YOUTH is the recipient for the 3rd Quarter Giving Jug monies. Freedom for Youth Ministries has two primary objectives: 1) to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as the true source of transformation, and 2) to love all of the youth we serve as Jesus loved us. One program that helps do this is the Freedom Construction Services. This program lets participants explore different trades and getting hands-on-experience from experts. This helps the ministry focus on developmental aspects of growth which produces dignity, courage, and self-confidence. Pastor Mike has met with the local leadership and thinks they are pretty solid people. Besides the financial help, volunteers and construction projects are needed. A letter from the organization will be posted on the church bulletin board with more details on the organization and with more information how you personally can help. Service & Mission

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

OSL MEMBERS

Larry Kester – health issues

Family of Joe Gregor – who has passed away

Hatti Groth – health issues

Larry & Nancy Park – at Glenwood

Peyton Kretzmann – health issues

Allen Dale – health issues

Vern Hunzelman – The Willows

Dale & Lois Wilson – health issues

Pat Smith – The Willows

Dave Luthro – Bickford Assisted Living, Ft Dodge

Floyd Harthun – health issues

Cathy Sease – health issues

Lola Breed – health issues

