

**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



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9:00 AM**

# 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.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (stanzas 1 & 4)

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord God,

**C: merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also

wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 103:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy  
name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and  
mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our  
sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who  
fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgres-  
sions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear  
you, O LORD.

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **Romans 14:1-12**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians*

*belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

A: The Word of the Lord  
**C. Thanks be to God**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO  
St. Matthew 18:21-35**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his

fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Forgiveness – Share It!*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*(stanzas 1 & 4)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of  
creation!

My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.  
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.  
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.

Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is  
soaring! All that has life and breath, come now  
with praises outpouring.

Let the amen sound from God's people again,  
gladly forever adoring.

Text: Joachim Neander

## **APOSTLES' 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**

**A:** Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

**A:** You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

A: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Blessing of Bread & Wine)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

P: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and risen Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY***

## **BENEDICTION**

P: God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
*(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)*

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

Text: John Fawcett

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **This Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:1-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

## ***THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR***

### **TODAY – September 13**

9:00 am    Worship

### **MONDAY – September 14**

5:00 pm    Service & Mission Board Mtg.

5:45 pm    Council PPC Mtg.

6:00 pm    Outreach Board Mtg.

### **TUESDAY – September 15**

8:30 am    Men's Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY – September 16**

9:00 am    Wednesday Wonders

12:00 pm    Pastor Mike – noon colleague  
Story City

7:00 pm    Bible Study

**Newsletter Articles Due**

### **THURSDAY – September 17**

1:00 pm    Dominoes / Cards

### **SUNDAY – September 20**

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! Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service and we invite all believers to receive the sacrament with us. Children who commune at their home church are also welcome here; if your child does not commune please bring him/her to the table for a blessing.

The ushers will direct you to the table. Please extend your hand if you desire to commune.

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY***

### **OSL MEMBERS**

Vern Hunzelman – Southridge Specialty Care

Joe Gregor – health issues

Doreen Hasenwinkel – Bickford Assisted Living,  
Marshalltown

Dale Wilson – health issues

Lois Wilson – health issues

Rick & Pat Smith – The Willows

Dave Luthro – Bickford Assisted Living, Ft Dodge

Floyd Harthun – health issues

Cathy Sease – health issues

Lola Breed – health issues

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Marisia Hill – great-granddaughter of Bev Slocum

Family of Dan Wilson – son of Dale & Lois  
who has passed away

Marshalltown Community – recovering from  
natural disasters

Craig Walters – son of Bill Walters

Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy

Christy Schuler – friend of Donna Sharp

Brian Benjamin – friend of John Reardon

Tina Johnson – niece of Charlene Barth

Shirley Waltemyer – sister of Bev Slocum

Robert Adams – nephew of Karen Adams

Whitney Olthoff – friend of the Herschberger's

