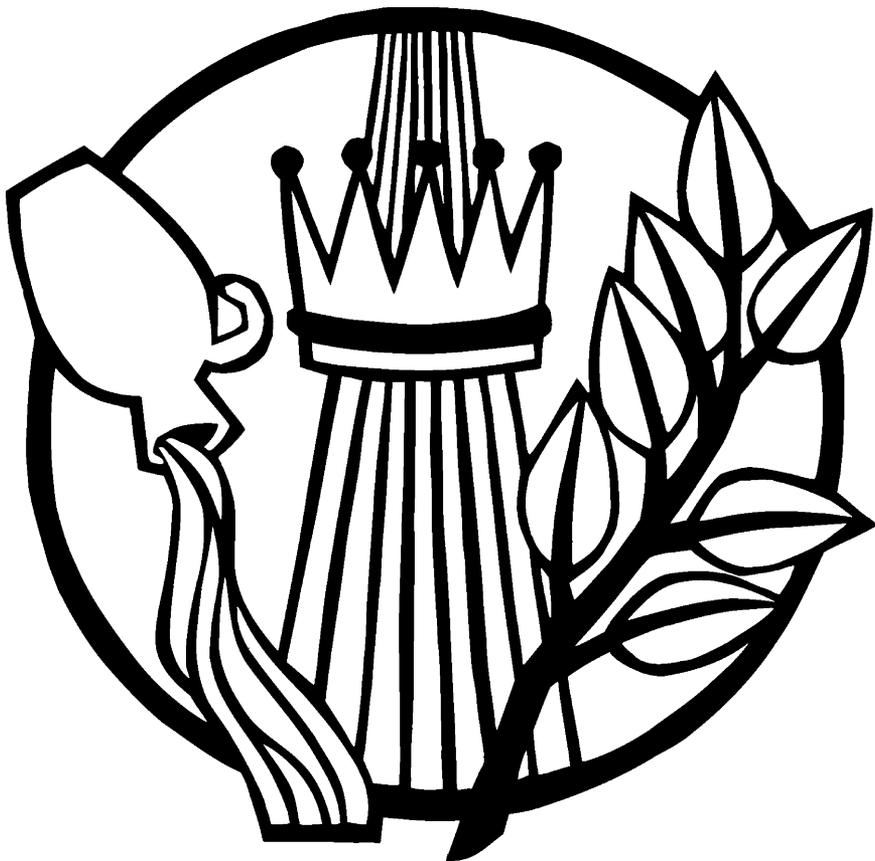


**Welcome To
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 12, 2021
9:00 AM**

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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 654

The Church's One Foundation

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 victory for our God.
Alleluia.

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

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God,

C: through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back

to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

**⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. For the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed

among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

St. Mark 8:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their

life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me?

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: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we
pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God, you have made yourself known through
bread and wine, water and word. Continue to
nurture your church, that it is a place where your
presence is experienced and shared.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You brought life into being and called it good. Bring re-creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace especially those we name in our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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

How Majestic Is Your Name

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, we praise Your name;
Oh Lord, We magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God,
oh Lord God Almighty.

Repeat

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

TODAY – September 12

Grandparents Day

9:00 am Worship

MONDAY – September 13

6:00 pm Outreach Board Meeting

TUESDAY – September 14

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

1:30 pm WELCA

7:00 pm Executive Meeting

WEDNESDAY – September 15

9:30 am Wednesday Wonders

5:15 pm Adult Study

Newsletter Articles Due

THURSDAY – September 16

12:00 pm Optimist

SUNDAY – September 12

9:00 am Worship

Grandparents Days

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!

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

Allen Dale – health issues
Jerry Duder – recovering from back surgery
Maury Ruddick – health issues
Nancy Reardon – health issues
Cathy Sease – Grandview Heights
Larry Kester – health issues
Hatti Groth – health issues
Larry & Nancy Park – at Glenwood
Peyton Kretzmann – 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
Lola Breed – health issues

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Abby Ruff – granddaughter of Marlene Kester
Carol Fleming – friend of Larry & Nancy Park
Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy
Troy Marker – son of Bev Slocum
Stephen Kretzmann – son of Hap Kretzmann
Marcus Black – nephew of Dr. James & Kathy Black
Chad Winterhof – nephew of Joe & Shirley Gregor
Tim Snyder – friend of Joe & Shirley Gregor
Chris Byerly – daughter-in-law of
 Duane & Andrea Byerly
Brandon, Kristine & Claire Miller-
 friends of Allen Dale

