

**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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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

*God Is Here!*  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

Text: Fred Pratt Green

## 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 . . . Almighty and eternal God,

**C: you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Jonah 3:10--4:11**

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is

not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 145:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to  
another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous  
acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great  
goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**



## EPISTLE READING

### Philippians 1:21-30

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO  
St. Matthew 20:1-16**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay,

beginning with the last and then going to the first.’  
<sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*What You Don’t Deserve*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

**HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
*(stanzas 1 & 4)*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick

## **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:** Generous God, you make the last first, and the  
first last. Where this gospel challenges the  
church, equip it for its works of service.  
Strengthen those who suffer for Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to all places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. 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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*  
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

Text: attr. 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**

Jonah 3:10--4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

### **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 20**

9:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Worship

### **TUESDAY – September 22**

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Book Worms

### **WEDNESDAY – September 23**

7:00 pm Bible Study  
7:45 pm HeBrews

### **THURSDAY – September 24**

12:00 pm Optimist  
1:00 pm Dominoes / Cards

### **SUNDAY – September 27**

9:00 am Service in Song by Eternity Bound  
11:00 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.

Last Sunday's attendance was 51

## ***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

Marshalltown Community – recovering from  
natural disasters

Craig Walters – son of Bill Walters

Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy

