

**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



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# **WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

## **PRELUDE**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **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.**

## **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 God our shepherd,

**C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 2:42-47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO  
St. John 10:1-10**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILREN'S MESSAGE**

*Why Sheep?*

**SERMON**

*Life Came*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Gordon Miller

*You Raise Me Up*

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

## **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:** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

**A:** Lord God, we thank you for the educational ministries of your church. Enrich the work of teachers, professors, mentors, advisors, and faculty at colleges, seminaries, and learning sites. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

- A:** Lord God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A:** Lord God, no one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our servant leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A:** Lord God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations. May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A:** 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.
- A:** Lord God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering especially those we name in our hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A:** Everlasting God, your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A:** With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## *WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY*

## BENEDICTION

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Gordon Miller

*Celebrate Jesus*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and 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: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

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

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

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

### **OSL MEMBERS**

Joe Gregor – health issues  
Doreen Hasenwinkel – Bickford Assisted Living, Marshalltown  
Shirley Gregor – recovering from foot surgery  
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  
Esther Seim – Glenwood, Marshalltown

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Vern Oltrogge – uncle of Stacy Oltrogge  
Greg Ellcey – neighbor of Jerry & Deb Duder  
Steve Goode – David Goode's dad  
Scott Pace – friend of Donna Sharp  
Steve Sharp – Donna Sharp's husband  
Terrie Metz – friend of Donna Sharp  
Tim Snyder – friend of Joe & Shirley Gregor  
Jim Reiss – friend of Joel Hunzelman  
Tim Snyder – friend of Joe & Shirley Gregor  
Bridget Kern – friend of Nancy Sills  
Chris Byerly – daughter-in-law of Duane & Andrea Byerly  
Ann Schulte – friend of Allen Dale  
Robert Adams – nephew of Karen Adams  
Terri Nichols – niece of John & Nancy Reardon  
Dennis Hasenwinkel – brother of Doreen Hasenwinkel  
Spenser Ahn – grandson of John & Nancy Reardon  
Marshalltown Community – recovering from tornado  
Willie Handt – friend of Doreen Hasenwinkel  
Bill Aiken – friend of Allen Dale  
Dan Wilson – son of Dale & Lois Wilson

## **MILITARY**

Please pray for our troops for their safety.

Anthony Nielsen – nephew of Pastor Mike & Rhonda

Dalton Fehlberg – great nephew of Charlene Barth

Chris Coalter – nephew of Joe & Shirley Gregor

Nathan Massa – grandson of Mike & Kathy Massa

Luke Sease – son of Brad Sease and

grandson of Larry & Cathy Sease

Dylon Fehlberg – great nephew of Charlene Barth

J J Hunzelman – grandson of Vern Hunzelman

Joe Stoterau – grandson of Sandy & LaRee Wise

Jimmy Sease – son of David Sease and grandson of

Larry & Cathy Sease

Jake Lutcavish – step grandson of Floyd & Ella Harthun