

**Welcome To
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



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9:00 AM**

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WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gordon Miller

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 God,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed

together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;**
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,**
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of
truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and

⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

**THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
St. John 14:1-14**

Glory to you, O Lord

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where Is Jesus Going?

SERMON

Thee Way Home

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MEDITATIVE HYMN

Lois Eige

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: Build us up God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Humble us as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have created, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Align our ways to your love. We pray for countries, servant leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens especially those we name in our heart.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life.

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

A: 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

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Live in peace.
Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

This Sunday's

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

Next Sunday's

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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

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Andy Jacobson – brother of Beck Scaffer
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

