

**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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God of glory,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you

will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**

I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it
languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient
heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty
voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is
in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O
God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people!
Blessed be God!**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

**THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
St. John 17:1-11**

Glory to you, O Lord

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *This Is Eternal Life*

SERMON *The Kept Word*

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

P: 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.

P: O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: 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 and
Shirley Gregor

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Andy Jacobson – brother of Becky Scafferi

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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

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Robert Adams – nephew of Karen Adams

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brother of Doreen Hasenwinkel

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Marshalltown Community – recovering from tornado

Willie Handt – friend of Doreen Hasenwinkel

Bill Aiken – friend of Allen Dale

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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

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Jimmy Sease – son of David Sease and grandson

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