



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

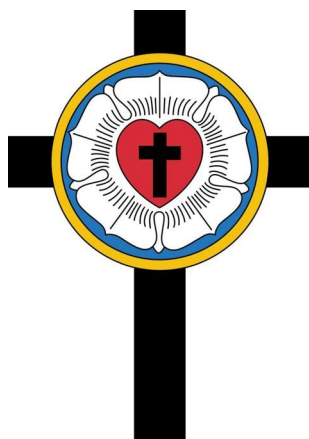
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: God Created You To Be You



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: I Will Praise Thee (Psalm 138:14)

Psalm 139:14

I WILL PRAISE THEE!

an electronics repairman in
Ed Griesbach's Bible group

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: 'F' above the first staff, 'C' above the second staff, and 'F' above the third staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

I will praise Thee! Oh, I will praise Thee! For I am
fear - ful-ly and won-der-f'ly made! Mar-ve-lous are Thy works!
Mar-ve-lous are Thy works! And that my soul know-eth right well!

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, B, Em, C, D, G on the first staff, and G, D7, G, D7, Am, B, Em on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

THE GLORIA



FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹ —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bb Gm F Eb Bb/F F Bb

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Bb Gm F Eb Bb/F F Bb

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Bb F Gm D Eb Bb/F F Bb

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: God Created You To Be You (VIDEO)

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Love Your Neighbor (VIDEO)

OFFERING

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Church of the Savior

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A musical score for the hymn "God Created You To Be You". It consists of four staves of music in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F, Bbsus Bb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gmaj, Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

ALL: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. Above each staff are the corresponding chords: F, C/E, Dm, Bb/C, Dm, C, Bb, C; Bb, F, Bb/G, F, Dm, Gm, Bbsus, F; F, C/E, Dm, Bb/C, Dm, C, Bb, C; Bb, F, Bb/G, F, Dm, Gm, Bbsus, F. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Follow Me

"FOLLOW ME."

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♩ = 120

C F/C B dim/C C

"Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me."

Am7 F/D B dim/G# C/A

"Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me."

C/B \flat F/A G7 C

"Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me." "Fol-low Me."

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Follow Jesus (VIDEO)

 *Go Now
in Peace*



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Aug 3	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki
Aug 10	Maggie Harrer	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly
Aug 17	Dave Johnsrud	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

Aug 3	For: Brenda & Ed's Anniversary
	From: The Moderacki Family
Aug 10	For: Jamie's Birthday
	From: John & Sally Leara
Aug 17	For:
	From:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 31	Wee Worship
Sep 1	Labor Day—Church & School Offices Closed
Sep 7	God's Work. Our Hands Sunday

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