



Church of the Savior

LUTHERAN

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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:

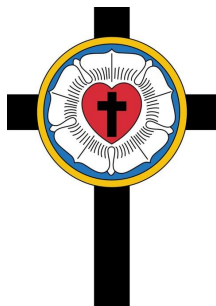
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

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: Cindy Day



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Have Come Into This House

Bruce T. Ballinger



1. We have come in - to this house and ga - thered in God's name to wor-ship Him.
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and wor-ship Him.
3. He is all my righ-teous-ness, I stand com-plete in Him and wor-ship Him.



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So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and wor-ship Him.
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wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ — the Lord!
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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

(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B^b C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F B^bmaj7 C_{sus} C

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B^b C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/B^b C F

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on— me.

THE GLORIA

REFRAIN:

D G D G D Bm

Glo-ry to God _____ in— the high - est. and— peace

E7 A A7 D G D D

to his peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to God _____ in— the

G D Bm Em D *to verses*

high - est and— peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____

VERSE:

F[#]m D Bm D7 G

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord— God,

Em A F[#]m D F[#]7 Bm

Lamb of God:— You take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm G Em A A7 D F[#]7

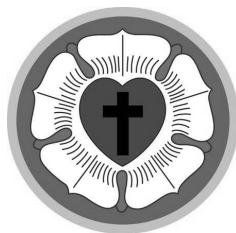
have— mer - cy on— us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Bm D7 G Em D A A7 *to Refrain*

Fa-ther; re - ceive our— prayer. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, 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.



FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ 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.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² 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 and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ 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.

⁶ 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. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ 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.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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?”

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

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

² **Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

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

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

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

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

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



SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ 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, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - - ia.



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ 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?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ 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.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² 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.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Denarius a Day

Matthew 20
words by B.V.

A DENARIUS A DAY

tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go"

1. A de - na - ri - us a day, a de - na - ri - us a day, And
2. And some worked from 9 A. M. And some worked from 12 P. M. But
3. Then at last the eve-ning came Then at last the eve-ning came. And
4. "A de - na - ri - us a day, and you said it was o - kay. So

that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day. There were
that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day. And some
that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day. But the
that's what I'll pay you all: a de - na - ri - us a day." "So the

some that worked all day. There were some that worked all day. But
worked from 3 P. M. And some worked from 5 P. M. But
ones that worked all day fig - ured they would get more pay. But
last, they will be first, and the first, they will be last." And

that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day.
that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day.
that's what he said he'd pay: a de - na - ri - us a day.
that's what our Lord did say. It's the gos - pel for to - day!

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: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki & Linda McElroy

OFFERING

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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:



D Bm Em7 A D Bm E7 A7 D7

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

G D F#7 Bm D Bm

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho

E7 A G D

san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

F#7 Bm D G D/A A7 D

comes in the name of the Lord. 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

Lamb of God, — you take a - way the sin of the world; have —

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take — a - way the

sin of the world; have — mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

G D/F# Emin Bmin
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
 C G/B Emin F Dsus4 G
 thanks, — be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
 D/F# Emin Bmin C
 grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
 G/B Emin F Dsus4 Bmin Emin
 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 Amin7 D7 G CMaj7
 strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
 F Dsus4 Bmin Emin Amin7
 done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
 D7 G CMaj7 F
 poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for
 Dsus4 G Amin/G D G
 us. Give thanks! — Give thanks! — Give thanks! —



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.** The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: He is the King of Kings

He is the King of kings. He is the Lord of lords. His name is Je-sus! Je-sus! Je - sus! Je-sus! Ohh_____ He is the King!

*Go Now
in Peace*



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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Sep 20	Susan Conrad	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
Sep 27	Vicki Coyle	Sally Leara	John Leara
Oct 4	Nicole Hazarian	Vicki Coyle	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Sep 20	For:	
	From:	
Sep 27	For:	In Loving Memory of Rudolph William Heydt, Jr.
	From:	The Heydt Family
Oct 4	For:	In Loving Memory of Fred R. Conrad & Fred C. Conrad
	From:	The Conrad Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 20	Congregational Meeting / Sunday School / Noisy Offering
Oct 3	Men's Breakfast
Oct 4	Sunday School /Noisy Offering/Coffee Hour/Food Offering
Oct 12	Columbus Day—Church & School Closed
	Council Meeting: 7pm Room 5

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The Church office is open Monday through Friday 8am to 1pm. Pastor's planned off day is Monday. Pastor is available on email and phone throughout the week. If you need his cell number please let him know. Pastor is always available for Pastoral emergencies 24/7. If you would like to meet with Pastor in person in his office please reach out and an appointment can be made. Homebound visits are also available if desired.