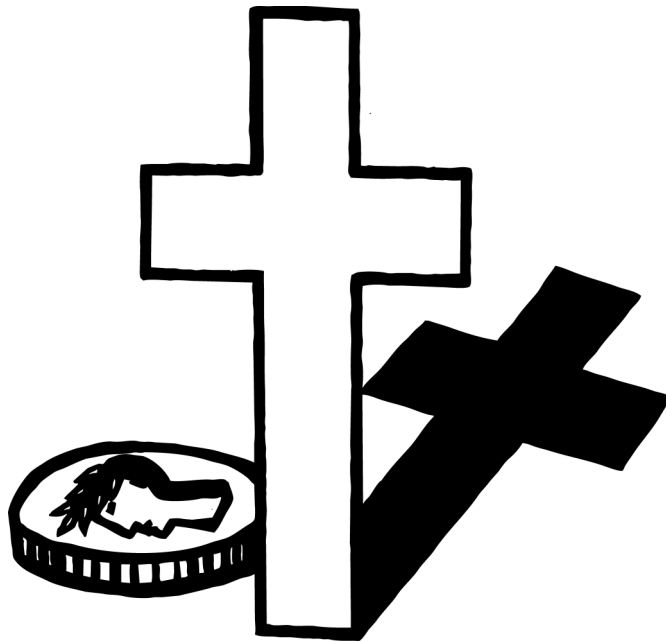




Church of the Savior

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:

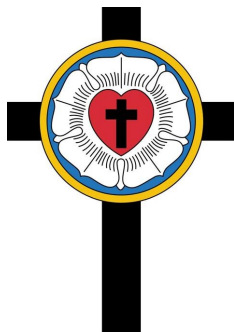
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

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.

PRELUDE: Cindy Day: Majesty / Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise



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: The Lord is Present in His Sanctuary

The Lord Is Present in His Sanctuary

Gail Cole

Em D C B7 Em D Em

1. The Lord is pre-sent in His sanc-tu-a - ry, let us — praise the Lord! The
2. The Lord is pre-sent in His sanc-tu-a - ry, let us — sing to the Lord! The
3. The Lord is pre-sent in His sanc-tu-a - ry, let us de-light in the Lord! The
4. The Lord is pre-sent in His sanc-tu-a - ry, let us — love — the Lord! The

Em D C B7 Em D Em (E7)

Lord is pre-sent in His peo - ple gath - ered here, let us — praise the Lord!
Lord is pre-sent in His peo - ple gath - ered here, let us — sing to the Lord!
Lord is pre-sent in His peo - ple gath - ered here, let us de-light in the Lord! De-
Lord is pre-sent in His peo - ple gath - ered here, let us — love — the Lord!

Am Em D (Bm) Em (E7)

Praise Him! — Praise — Him! Let us — praise the Lord!
Sing to Him! — Sing to Him! Let us — sing to the Lord!
light in Him! De - light in Him! Let us de - light in the Lord! De-
Love — Him! — Love — Him! Let us — love — the Lord!

Am Em D (Bm) Em

Praise Him! — Praise — Him! Let us — praise — Je - sus!
Sing to Him! — Sing to Him! Let us — sing to Je - sus!
light in Him! De - light in Him! Let us de-light in Je - sus!
Love — Him! — Love — Him! Let us — love — Je - sus!

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared¹ than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
 for you come to judge the earth.**
¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

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 22:15-22

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Was There All the Time

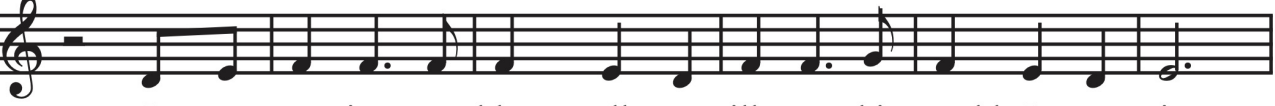
Gary S. Paxton

G7 C Em/G C Em/G Dm



1. Time af-ter time I went search-ing for peace in some void.
2. Ne - ver a - gain will I look for a fake rain-bow's end.

Dm/C Bb F/A G7 G7/D C



I was try - ing to blame all my ills on this world I was in.
Now that I have the an - swer my life is just start - ing to rhyme.

G7 C Em/G C A7 Dm



Sur - face re - la - tion-ships used me till I was done in.
Shar-ing each new day with Him is a cup of fresh life.

Dm/C Bb F/A G7 G7 Am G/B C REFRAIN



And all the while Je - sus was beg-ging to free me from sin.
And oh what I missed, Je - sus wait-ing right there all the time.

REFRAIN (G13) C Em/G F Dm G7 G7/D C



He was there all the time. He was there all the time,

Em/G C Em/G F Dm C/G G7 C



wait-ing pa - tient - ly in line. He was there all the time.



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: All My Life, by Parachute Band: Brenda Moderacki

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Musical score for "The Lord's Prayer" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, Bm, G7, C, G, Em, D, G, Bm, G7, C, G, Em, D, G, Bm, G7, C, D7sus4, G. The lyrics are: "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."



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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.**

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
thanks,— be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for
us. Give thanks! _____ Give thanks! _____ Give thanks! _____

Chords: G, D/F#, Emin, Bmin, C, G/B, Emin, F, Dsus4, G, D/F#, Emin, Bmin, C, G/B, Emin, F, Dsus4, Bmin, Emin, Amin7, D7, G, CMaj7, F, Dsus4, Bmin, Emin, Amin7, D7, G, CMaj7, F, Dsus4, G, Amin/G, D, G.

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: I'm Free to Be a Servant of the Lord

G C G C Am Dm G C G

I'm free. I'm free. I'm free to be a ser-vant of the Lord. I'm

C G C C7 F G7 C C7

free. I'm free. I'm free to be a ser-vant of the Lord. He

F Dm Em A7 Dm7 G C Dm C7/E C7

taught me how to praise Him. He taught me how to sing a song. He

F G7 A♭ Am Dm G7 C

taught me how to love. I'm free to be a ser-vant of the Lord.

*Go Now
in Peace*



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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Oct 18	Christophe Moderacki	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder
Oct 25	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	John Leara
Nov 1	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Oct 18	For: 45th Anniversary From: Vicki Lynn Coyle
Oct 25	For: In Celebration of Courtney's Birthday From: Antoinette Walder
Nov 1	For: Brenda Heydt's Birthday From: Love, the Heydt Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 18	Sunday School / Noisy Offering
Oct 19	Council Meeting at 7pm Room 5
Oct 25	School Trunk or Treat from 1 - 3pm
Nov 1	All Saints Day Sunday Sunday School/Noisy Offering/Coffee Hour/Food Offering

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OFFICE HOURS

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