



Sunday, September 27, 2020
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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Please join us at 10am on Facebook Live @ facebook.com/oursaviorslc.org

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: During congregational responses (bold type font), we ask that you respond silently, mouth the words, or if you are comfortable speak these responses aloud quietly. This is done to help reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Please see our "Outdoor Worship Guidelines" on our website for the ways we are seeking to limit the spread of COVID-19.

A BLESSING FOR MASKS

Great Physician, Giver of All Life: may this mask I wear show your true face: a face of mercy and compassion; a face that loves others above myself; a face that protects the vulnerable and weak. As I wear this mask, save and protect me from danger that may come my way. As I wear this mask, save and protect others from danger I may send their way, even without meaning to. As once you hid your face from Moses, in order to reveal the glory of your presence, teach us to hide our outward faces, to reveal our inward love for the world, and the glory of your presence in us. **Amen**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:6-8

A reading from Micah.

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Philippians.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 21:15-17

The Holy Gospel according John the twenty- first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SOLO When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for: Marina, Linda, Ruth, Alice, Nate, Amita, Laurie, Eileen, Terry, Frank, Rita, George, Steve, Ronald, Barbara, Maria, & Jennie. We pray for our homebound members; Sue, Clare, Marguerite, Charlotte, Roland, and Lynn. We pray for veterans, and for those currently serving in our armed forces, including Michael and Diana. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

Pastor - All these things prayed aloud, those things we speak in our hearts now (*brief pause*), and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with us always, and although we do not share a sign of peace with our voices or through touch, we may stay in our places and silently show one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

Pastor Jonathan , on July 22, 2018 , we of Our Savior's Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Jonathan from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Pastor Jonathan, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Our Savior's Lutheran Church?

Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Jonathan among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Jonathan and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them/us forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL FOR DIGITAL WORSHIPPERS

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please return to your cars during the postlude. Communion will be distributed by Pastor Jonathan while you are in your car along the Walsh Avenue driveway. Please keep your mask on and eat communion after your window is closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 FINANCIALS – As of August 31, 2020: Income: \$72,436.07, Expenses: \$77,167.31 Shortfall: \$4,731.24

ZOOM OFFICE HOURS – Join Pastor Jonathan on Zoom at any of the following times if you would like to say goodbye or for any other reason. Pastor Jonathan is also available on his cell phone 860-384-7366:

Sunday 9/27 3PM

Monday 9/28 11AM

Tuesday 9/29 7PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011316763?pwd=UW](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011316763?pwd=UWFVVGtUUnB0cS9KL09CN2RLY1ZNUT09)

[FIVGtUUnB0cS9KL09CN2RLY1ZNUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011316763?pwd=UWFVVGtUUnB0cS9KL09CN2RLY1ZNUT09)

Join via Telephone

Phone #: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 850 1131 6763

Passcode: 784124

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP: We plan to worship outdoors as long as the weather allows. If you would like to attend our outdoor worship next week, please sign up by Thursday, 11AM by calling or emailing the church office.

NEWINGTON FOOD BANK – Please bring contributions to the Newington Food Bank to our outdoor worship gatherings. There will be a table with baskets along the Walsh Avenue entrance for your donations! All donations are welcome, but please also bring canned or dried gravy and canned cranberry sauce as donations for holiday baskets are beginning to be collected.

BOTTLES AND CANS FOR CALUMET - Jan and Neil Levett continue to collect cans and bottles for Calumet! Over the last 6 months or so, they have collected enough to have \$200 for Calumet! Please contact Jan if you would like to drop some off at their house.

40 DAYS OF GIVING - If you still have your ELCA world hunger banks front Lent, please bring them to church during our outdoor worship, or write a check to our church with the memo "World Hunger"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – Please contact Celia Allison if you are interested in participating in worship. We would love to include your gifts in our worship service and specifically if you would or would like to serve as lector, greeter, usher or help set up for our outdoor worship.

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020: It's that time again to get our "God's Work - Our Hands" school bus yellow shirts out of the closet! This year we will be working at a Mosaic group home doing light landscaping and planting mums for the Fall season. We will be following all safety guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing. Please call, text or email Jan Levett or the church office to sign up. We will leave immediately after worship, weather permitting. If you don't have a GWOH shirt you can order from OldLutheran.com.

Jan Levett contact info: Text and cell 860 280-6544, home 860 667-0578, email janeil1@att.net

BAKING FOR VETERANS – Louise French is looking for help baking for nearby disabled veterans. These baked goods will be delivered on Monday 11/9. If you would like to and are able to help Louise, please contact her at louise.g.french@gmail.com or 860-597-4399

IN OUR PRAYERS: Marina Angelopoulos, Linda Carlson, Ruth Manke, Alice Pecchio, Nate Fitzgerald, Amita Balla, Laurie Bruno, Eileen Francolino, Terry Gadegard, Frank Silvey, Rita Lundeen, George Csefei, Ronald Helming, Maria Bruno, Jennie Cassarino & her caregivers, & Barbara Gauthier. *Our Homebound Members:* Sue Carlson, Marguerite Preisser, Lynn Beveridge, Clare George, Charlotte Anderson, & Roland Lundeen. *Military:* Michael Russell & Diana Cowell

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

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ELW Setting Ten

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