

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 8 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (9-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Ron & Teri Kressin in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Ron & Teri!

THE PULPIT FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Jim & Jean Walker in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jim & Jean!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rescuing the Wanderers

September 15, 2019

AS WE GATHER

If the Lord describes Himself in Scripture as our “Shepherd,” it follows that we, as those who belong to Him, are His “sheep.” True to our broken nature, we all wander away from our Shepherd’s provision, wrongly assuming we can find our own way. Not only can we never find our own way to lasting life, but we can find our own way only to everlasting death. We all stand in need of rescue! We all are the lost sheep who have wandered away. Thank the Shepherd for coming to your rescue. His death and resurrection are proof that He never gives up on us! He pursues His wanderers. Finding us and claiming us, He carries us home. And that’s exactly where He gathers us today: at home in His presence so that He, our Shepherd, can fill us, His sheep, with His love and mercy.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” LSB 711

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 53:6*

Pastor: As sheep who have wandered from the Shepherd, we all have turned from the Lord in our disobedience to His commands.

People: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Pastor: Confident in the pursuit of our Shepherd, Jesus, for those who wander from Him, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

A time for silent reflection upon God’s Word and personal prayers of confession

Pastor: Together, we pray:

People: **Good Shepherd, we are Your wandering people. We need You. We need Your love. We need Your forgiveness. We need Your pursuit of us all. Guide us back into the fold of Your care that we be cleansed of our sins. Create in us hearts to worship You in truth and follow Your Word, which alone gives us life. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ. In Him, our Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us all, we are fully and freely forgiven. Receive this forgiveness today as you, like wandering sheep, are drawn back into His rescuing mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd.
People: **Without You nothing is secure.**
Pastor: Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever.
People: **Help us to follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life;**
Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–24*

(The Lord will search for and seek out His scattered sheep.)

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 119:169–176*

Pastor: Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
People: **give me understanding according to Your word!**
Pastor: Let my plea come before You;
People: **deliver me according to Your word.**
Pastor: My lips will pour forth praise,
People: **for You teach me Your statutes.**
Pastor: My tongue will sing of Your word,
People: **for all Your commandments are right.**
Pastor: Let Your hand be ready to help me,
People: **for I have chosen Your precepts.**

Pastor: I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
People: **and Your law is my delight.**
Pastor: Let my soul live and praise You,
People: **and let Your just decrees help me.**
Pastor: I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
People: **seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17* (Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

⁵ The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “He Shall Feed His Flock” (Handel) Jackie Pearce

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10* (Heaven’s joy will be great when sinners repent.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 v.1-4, 7

SERMON Ezekiel 34:11-24 "Peek-a-Boo!"

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles' Creed
(*Credo's can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING "Sheep May Safely Graze" (Bach)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

People: Amen.

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As our Shepherd, our Savior will lead us as we walk with Him in faith.

People: Following our Shepherd every day, let us share His mercy with all we meet.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

HYMN "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

POSTLUDE

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, for by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection He has rescued Your wandering sheep and led us back into Your merciful presence forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our faithful Shepherd, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the world to rescue all who wander, we thank You that for His sake You have given us the peace of Your forgiveness at Your Table of mercy. Because You never fail Your sheep, enable us to go forth and extend to others the blessings we here have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Tim Kadlec, Ron Hagen
Late – Steve Kolling |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Bob Merz
Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Paula Hagen
Late – Hilde Becker |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Sue Frank
Late – Sue Kurth |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jackie Pearce
Late – Jan Wise |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Shirley Knitt, Miriam Gillman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Katrina Kadlec
Late Service – Amy Kufahl |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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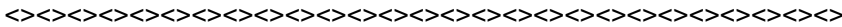
This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 16 | 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 17 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 18 | 3:15 pm Endowment Committee
4:00 pm WOW
5:30 pm Confirmation |
| Thursday | 19 | 7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Friday | 20 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 21 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 22 | 7:30 am Worship
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion – Nursery Available |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 89, Late: 212, Communion: 142, Sunday Bible Study: 18, Sunday School: 45,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 4, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 7, Monday
Evening Bible Study: 11, Tuesday Bible Study: NA

RECORD OF OFFERINGS

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| Offerings YTD (thru 8/30/19) | \$ 255,169.63 |
| Budgeted YTD Offerings | \$ 283,047.44 |
| Under Budget | \$ -27,877.81 |



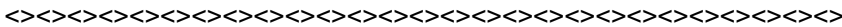
God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

15 – Shirley Knitt **17** – Don Schoessow, Robert Ginnow, Siera Eggleston **18** – Marilyn Cooper
21 – Cassie Tryggeseth, Violet Csepp

Anniversaries:

15 – Kirk & Stacey Klein **16** – Bill & Julie LaFriske **17** – Jim & Jean Walker, Ron & Teri Kressin
19 – Terry & Gloria Lyon **21** – Clarence & Brunhilde Petzold, Dave & Vonna Goddard



SCRIP sold on
Sunday between services

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Autumn Chamberlain, John & Jean Harth, Judd Klotz, Dan Marien Family,
Perry & Rebekah Pokrandt, Jay & Rebecca Shifra, Fred Wiedenbauer Jr*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Nursery Volunteers needed! Loving high school students and adults are needed to care for infants and toddlers during our education hour and 10 am worship services. This is a great way to serve our visiting families and help parents grow in Christ through Bible study and worship. Please contact Mandy Kersten (920-212-0192) or Marlene Rieck if you have questions or are interested in helping.

Sunday School Teachers Needed - We are blessed with lots of children in Sunday school! Would you like to be a helper or teacher? Please contact Marlene Rieck if you are interested in learning more or you would like to help! Thank you!

JuBELLation Choir Begins Tuesday! - Our bell choir resumes this Tuesday, September 17th, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. New bell ringers are welcome! Music reading ability is helpful but not required. Please contact Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck for information.

Church Family Potluck - All are welcome to come to our fall church family potluck on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6 p.m. Start thinking about a favorite dish to share!

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Students of all ages are heading back to the classroom. We all know the importance of a proper education. So my question for you is, where are you at? Do you know it all? As Christians we are always learning from God's Word, and how good and right it is for us to do so together. While the children are learning in Sunday School, join us as we work our way through Paul's letters to the churches in Corinth. God's Word... its good for you!

Praise & Worship Team - Our next rehearsal is Thursday, September 19th, at 7 pm in preparation for worship on September 22nd. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!