

*Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 2018*



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 6 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 (7-12th 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 Justin & Lexi Scafaro in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Justin & Lexi!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Way of Peace

November 11, 2018

AS WE GATHER

“Blessed be the Lord God!” The words of Zechariah the priest recorded in chapter 1 of Luke’s Gospel have been echoed by faithful worshipers through generations. We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Messiah, who shows us the tender mercy of our God. As He illuminates our steps, our Savior guides our feet into the way of peace. That peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. With Paul, we can be sure that, in our worship and in all parts of our lives, the God of peace will be with us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BAPTISM SONG (7:30 am) “See This Wonder in the Making” LSB 593

BAPTISM (7:30 am) Tobin McGregor

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:11; 34:14–15*

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.

People: **Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: **Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.**

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in

perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria in Excelsis” LSB 204

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 *Kings* 17:8–16 (The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm* 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE *Hebrews 9:24–28* (Christ will be appearing again.)

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (10 am) “The Greatest Commandment” (Chopin) Choir

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 12:38–44* (Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸ And in his teaching, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “What is the World to Me” LSB 730

SERMON “When there is nothing left to give” Mark 12:38-44

CATECHISM *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or

worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

OFFERING “Arioso” (J.S. Bach) Organ

OFFERTORY HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781 v. 1,2

BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFTS

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.**

CHORAL PRAYER (10 am)

Late service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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 “God Bless Our Native Land” LSB 965

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

✠ 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 proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have called us to walk in the way of peace by the guiding of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we walk daily as children of the day and of the light here on earth until that time when, by Your grace, we will walk in the courts

of heaven. 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 208

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Think of Me and Remember” (Raney) Choir

“How Great Thou Art” LSB 801

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we continue as true members of the body of Your Son and, walking in ways of peace, do the good works that You desire. This we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

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RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

IN HIS SERVICE

- Elder/Helper Early – Don Secord
 Late – Steve Kolling, Gary Fawcett
- Ushers Early – Bob Merz, Jonah Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto
 Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ken Holdmann. Ray Hutts, Joyce Litchfield
- Greeters Early – John & Shirley Priefer
 Late – Joan Holdmann
- Readers Early – Pat Crum
 Late – Marge Baerenwald
- Acolytes Early – Jonah Walker
 Late – Cameron Birchbauer
- Media Operators
 Early – Sharon Gifford
 Late – Mike Rieck

Altar Care – Mara Rothenbach, Carol Johnson, Marianne Braun

Nursery - Education Hour -
 Late Service -

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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 | 12 | |
| Tuesday | 13 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir
7:15 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 14 | 10:30 am Martha Board
11:30 am Martha Meeting
4:00 pm Children’s Choir
5:00 pm Children’s Cantata Choir
5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Thursday | 15 | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due |
| Friday | 16 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 17 | 7:00 am Men’s Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 18 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 95, Communion: 79, Late: 137, Sunday Bible Study: 15, Sunday School: 34,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 6, Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study: 7, Tuesday
Bible Study: 16



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

Birthdays:

11 – Aiden Lifschutz, Gloria Lyon, Rylie Skarbek **12** – Walter Helein **14** – Christopher Heck, Shane Levan
15 – Mary Portlance **16** – Zachary Otto **17** – Patrick Crum

Anniversaries:

11 – Timothy & Katrina Kadlec **12** – Steve Meyer & Janet Nowers **13** – Steve & Jackie Kolling
15 – Wesley & Tammy Levan



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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. Starting January 7, 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!

*Pat Hasenberg, Daniel & Lori Knitt, Larry & Donna Merritt, Joyce Rawlins,
Andy Skarbek Family, Heide Skarda Family, Judy Young, Erich Zorr*

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.

Constitution & Bylaws – There are copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws in the racks near the Welcome Center. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

Nursery Director & Volunteers Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex. We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers to serve in our nursery during the education hour and during the 10 am worship service. Please consider serving our youngest baptized members and those who visit as well.

Hurricane Relief - Once again our nation has been hard hit by a natural disaster. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is on the ground with supplies and care for those in need. If you would like to donate to the efforts, you may call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone. You can text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 to make a donation by your cell phone. And you can go to the synod's website at www.lcms.org to learn more.

Our Savior **Annual Congregational Christmas Party** will be held at the VFW-American Legion on Wednesday, December 5. Social hour 11:00-12:00 with lunch served at noon. Invitations with details are available at the Welcome Center and in the tract rack. All are welcome!!

Harvest Table - Have you planned the menu for your Thanksgiving dinner? How easy it is for most of us to plan and then purchase the necessary food items for an unbelievable family fest. But unfortunately, there are many in our community not as blessed. But you can help. Please donate non-perishable food items during the month of November by placing them on the table in the Narthex. These items will be delivered by the Board of Evangelism to the Vilas Food Pantry in time for many to plan their own family fest.

Martha Society Cookie Walk - Do you like to bake cookies, make candy, or any other Christmas specialty? The Martha Society needs your help! Our Cookie Walk is scheduled for December 9th after early and late services. We want to make this year's event a huge success. But, to do that, we need your help. Please consider a donation to our cookie walk in the way of cookies, baked goods, or homemade candy. And don't forget to come and visit us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 9th for some awesome goodies! Your bakery can be dropped off at church Monday-Thursday from 9-3 or Saturday, December 8th, between 9 and 10:30, or Sunday morning December 9th, before 8:30. Thank you very much!

Operation Christmas Child - THANK YOU to everyone who helped or came to our packing party on Wednesday for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you to everyone who packed boxes at home! We packed 113 boxes that will start their journey this week to children in need. We continue to collect monetary gifts for postage. It costs \$9 to ship one box. Please pray for the children that receive our gifts that they may come to know, love, and follow Jesus.

Thank you! It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the Lord brought us all together in this place! Thanks be to God, and thank you for the great reception, well-wishes, cards, and gifts which you have shared with me and my family. And most importantly, thanks be to God for each one of you who make serving here a great blessing! - Pastor Kufahl, Amy, Adalynn, and Alayna