

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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 Jon & Diana Sell in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jon & Diana!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trust Not in Riches, but in Your Redeemer

September 29, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus tells a story about a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had an earthly life filled with abundance, and he ignored the poor man who was in misery outside his gate. This story gives us pause and causes us to think about how we are treating our neighbors in need. It also reminds us never to trust in our earthly wealth and possessions, but rather to trust always in our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” LSB 941

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.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord sets the prisoners free!
People: **He opens the eyes of the blind!**
Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.
People: **Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord.**
Pastor: Do not put your trust in earthly wealth.
People: **Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob.**
Pastor: The Lord watches over the sojourners.
People: **The Lord upholds the widows and the fatherless.**
Pastor: The Lord will reign forever.
People: **Praise the Lord!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus tells us of a rich man and a poor man, whose name was Lazarus. The rich man ignored Lazarus in life, though Lazarus was right outside his door. How often in our own lives do we ignore those who are outside our door, who are in our own community and in need? How often do we put our trust in riches rather than in our Redeemer? We turn to our heavenly Father to ask His mercy and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have taken comfort in the riches of this world rather than in the riches of Your kingdom. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and remove our guilt and shame.**

Pastor: Almighty God has shown His love for us in this: He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for all people, for the rich and the poor, for you and for me. 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. We are forgiven. Blessed are we for our hope is in the Lord.**

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1–7* (Woe to those at ease)

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ² Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³ O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 3:1–13* (Qualifications for overseers and deacons)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM “Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You” (Althouse)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19–31* (The rich man and Lazarus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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 “Too Comfortable” Amos 6:1-7

CREED *Nicene Creed* (*Creed can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING “Arioso” (Bach)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith. Give us boldness and confidence to speak Your Word of mercy and justice in a world that does not care to listen.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, raise up faithful pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other church leaders. Stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to serve You with gladness and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving the death of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, give strength and patience to those who are struggling financially. Raise up people and institutions that will assist them in their struggles. Help us all to look with mercy upon those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for the government of our nation, our state, and our city. Raise up faithful leaders who will defend the weak and fight for justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.
Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

✠ 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 Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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*

THE 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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

“Christ the Eternal Lord” LSB 829

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN “Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Don Secord, Dick Cherney
Late – Tim Kadlec, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Dick Cherney, Glenn Finger
Late – Rick & Karen Behrens, R.J. Behrens, Denise Riemer |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Kris Secord
Late – Holly Nier |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Rick Behrens |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Anna Westfall
Late – Matthew Wilson |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Steve Favorite
Late – Dave Parker |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Shirley Knitt, Miriam Gillman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Mandy Kersten
Late Service – Mandy Kersten |

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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 | 30 | 10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 1 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 2 | 4:00 pm WOW
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 Sr. High Youth |
| Thursday | 3 | |
| Friday | 4 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 5 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 6 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship– Nursery Available |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 112, Late: 181, Communion: 156, Sunday Bible Study: 22, Sunday School: 31,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 8, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: NA, Monday
Evening Bible Study: 13

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:

3 – Harmon Marien, Titus Ross **4** – Raymond Rubin **5** – Easton Otto, Maleea Eggleston

Anniversaries:

30 – Rick & Laura Campbell **3** – Fred & Sandy Wiedenbauer



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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!

*Stephen Chamberlain, Pat Hasenberg, Shirley Knitt, Mark & Madeline Mathisen,
Robert Popp Family, Jessica Shifra, Robert & Jayne Winblad*

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 - Do you love God's Word and children? Consider serving in Sunday school ministry! We are in need of teachers (could be part time), substitute teachers, teacher assistants, supply coordinators, and puppeteers. Please contact Marlene Rieck if you are interested in learning more or you would like to help. Thank you!

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... it's good for you!

Fall Harvest Dinner - Our Savior Lutheran Church Martha Society is hosting a Fall Harvest Dinner on October 13, from 11:30 to 2:30 in the fellowship hall. Tickets are only \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Welcome Center. Children under 12 are free. This dinner includes pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, vegetable, applesauce, and desert. As always, proceeds from this dinner will be used for mission projects in our community. And, there is no Packer or Bears game, so no worries! Bring your friends too.

LWML Sunday - On Sunday, October 6th, we will be celebrating Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday. Traditionally we bless the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. A special mite collection will be taken so bring your coins and help us make a loud noise for the Lord. Dollars and checks will be happily accepted as well! There is a cardboard box at the Welcome Center that you can put money in prior to that Sunday if you wish. Checks should be made out to the Martha Society. "For 77 years, LWML women have supported worldwide missions through Mite Box offerings." Thank you for your support. Check out their website to learn more about our missions www.lwml.org/giving/missions-grants

Join Us! - You are invited to come in on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 to sit in with a great group of youth as we grow together in a better understanding of this faith that is ours. Confirmation class goes from 5:30-6:30, and we would be honored to have you join us!

Guests are Coming to Our Savior! - Laotian members from Trinity Lutheran Church in Mountain Lake, MN will be joining us the weekend of October 4-6. They will be teaching us the art of making egg rolls and crab ran-goon on Saturday and then will have them available for sale on Sunday morning after services. Here is where we will need your help! For starters, we will need people here on Saturday morning starting at 10:00 to help with the rolling process. We are also in need of members who would be willing to house some of our guests Friday and Saturday night. Please contact Pastor Kufahl if you are able to assist with housing. Thank you!

Save the Date! Our Savior Annual Congregational Christmas Party will be held at the VFW-American Legion on Wednesday, December 11th. Watch for details. All are welcome!!

Funeral Service for Rev. Raymond Bell - On Monday morning on his way to the Pastors Conference, Rev. Raymond Bell of St. John's Lutheran in Cadott and St. Peter Lutheran in Boyd, was killed in a car accident. Pastor Bell's funeral service will be held at 3:00 this afternoon at St. John's in Cadott. The Lord's comfort to Pastor Bell's family and congregations, and thanks be to God for the work He has done through His under-shepherd.

