Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29 & 30, 2019



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. Guests please fill out the guest card in the pew and sign the guest book in the Narthex. Peace be with you in Christ. We have discontinued the use of the pew cards to record member attendance and communion attendance.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, available at the Welcome Center.

Communion is Served Saturday Evening Service on the 1st & 3rd weekends and at the Sunday 9:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th weekends.

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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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 Sunday 9 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.

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Kim & Martin Sauer in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Kim & Martin!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Freedom to Follow and Bear Fruit

June 29 & 30, 2019

AS WE GATHER

While we have received great freedom in Christ, we must not use such freedom for our own selfish desires. We use our freedom to follow Jesus. We follow Jesus by living and walking in the Spirit of God, seeking to produce His fruit for the benefit of our neighbors. We cannot have caveats and conditions to following Jesus, as some people did in today's Gospel. Such people have become conceited and arrogant, thinking they can make demands of God. Thanks be to God that Jesus knows better than we do. Where He is leading is infinitely better than where we choose to go with all of our caveats and conditions.

₩ PREPARATION ₩

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Medema)

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. *Jeremiah 29:11*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: God makes known to us the path of life;
People: in His presence, there is fullness of joy.

Pastor: My heart is glad;

People: my whole being rejoices.

Pastor: For freedom, Christ has set us free.

People: So we stand firm, using our freedom to love one another.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That is not how we always use our freedom. We have used our freedom for our own selfish

gain, for our own gratification and ambition. As we come into God's house, we confess that we have used His gift of freedom wrongly and plead for His forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have not always used our freedom to love and serve our

neighbors. In our freedom we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive and free us from our bondage to

sin.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake

forgives all your sins and frees you to live as His disciple. 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 free to follow Jesus and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers"

- Faith of our fathers, living still
 In spite of dungeon, fire and sword
 O how our hearts beat high with joy
 When-e'er we hear that glorious word!
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to Thee till death.
- 3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
 Both friend and foe in all our strife,
 And preach Thee, too, as love knows how,
 By kindly words and virtuous life.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to Thee till death.
- 2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive To win all nations unto Thee: And thro' the truth that comes from God Mankind shall then indeed be free Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to Thee till death.

₩ WORD ₩

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our

hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN "God of Our Fathers"

- God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
- 2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
- Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 19:9b–21

(God reassures Elijah and sends him back to his people.)

Behold, the word of the Lord came to Elijah, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in

the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He said. "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 15 And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." The Call of Elisha ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the vokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (Our freedom in Christ is not permission to sin even more.) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as vourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. Keep in Step with the Spirit ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity. sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Refrain Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on. **Refrain** I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel!
"As ye deal with My condemners, so with you My grace shall deal!

Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel."

Since God is marching on. Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy let us die to make men free!

While God is marching on. Refrain

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62* (Following Jesus is costly.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966

SERMON "A Firm Freedom" Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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

OFFERING "God Bless the USA" (Greenwood, arr. Schmutte)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their

needs.

Dear heavenly Father, many in this world have rejected Your Son and His grace. Soften their hearts, Lord, that they hear Your Word and receive You with joy and gladness. Lord, in

Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, many people in this world are in captivity. In Your infinite wisdom, liberate those who

are held by evil and unjust people and systems. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving and held captive by the power of death,

[especially . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, raise up faithful leaders who are committed to liberty and justice. Oppose all those who would use others for their own ambition and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help, hope, and freedom among Your

people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have Pastor:

mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer. People:

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, send Your servants to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel

> message of freedom, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer. People:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965

★ SACRAMENT ★

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

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 809 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon, peace, Pastor:

and freedom in this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in our freedom to love and serve our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. People:

ANTHEM "I Sing a Prayer for America" (Wagner)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "God Bless America"

God bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her Thru the night with a light from above; From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home, sweet home. God bless America, My home, sweet home.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

All: I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ and to the faith for which it stands; one Savior, King Eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

O say! Can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it e'er when free men shall stand

Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation!

Blest with victory and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land

Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,

And this be our motto; "In God is our trust!"

And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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IN HIS SERVICE

Elder/Helper Saturday – Don Secord, Brad Anderson

Sunday - Glenn Finger, Tim Kadlec

<u>Ushers</u> Saturday – Don & Kris Secord, Dick Cherney, Glenn Finger

Sunday - Rick & Karen Behrens, RJ Behrens, Denise Riemer

Greeters Saturday – Don & Kris Secord

Sunday – Carol Johnson

Readers Saturday – Kris Secord

Sunday - Rick Behrens

Media Operators

Saturday - Carol Pluedeman

Sunday - Jan Wise

Altar Care - Carol Pluedeman, Jean Meyer

Nursery - Sunday 9:00 am 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:

Monday16:00 pm Bible StudyTuesday29:00 am Bible Study9:30 am Quilters

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Wednesday 3

Thursday 4 4th of July **Friday 5** Office Closed

Saturday 6 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation

7:00 pm Worship celebrating Holy Communion

Sunday 7 9:00 am Worship

ATTENDANCE: Saturday Evening: 101, Sunday: 96, Communion: 92, Monday Evening Bible Study: 16

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Actual to Date (as of May 31, 2019)
Offerings \$ 149,638.05
Offering Budget \$ 176,904.74
Deficit \$ -27,266.69

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

30 – Jessica Kadlec, Nancy Anderson 1 – Lily Young 2 – Joyce Loyd
 3 – David Liedtke, Nancy Cameron 4 – Chuck Healy 5 – Lois Parnitzke
 Anniversaries:

1 - Chad & Randee Smith, Rick & Ruth Steinke 3 - Don & Diane Schoessow



SCRIP Hours Saturday before service Sunday before & after service

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 Brost Family, Kathy Greif, Jennifer Kasmarek Family, William Lukas, Bryan Pearce Family, James Walker Family

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 <u>oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com</u> 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.

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Splash Canyon VBS! - Kids, ages 3-12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun at Splash Canyon VBS! July 29th-August 2nd from 9 am to 12 pm each day except Wednesday. On Wednesday we travel by bus to Camp Luther from 9 am to 3 pm for a fun day of camp activities including swimming! Don't miss this awesome week of summer! Register at www.oursavioreagleriver.org/vacation-bible-school

Appalachian Servant Event - The time is almost here for a few of our youth and adults to head into the mountains of North Carolina to serve people in the name of Jesus, and in turn see how our God continues to serve them. This year we will be working with four families to repair their homes. Keep an eye out for a "little red gas can" where you can help contribute to this event. All funds raised will provide gas and transportation for our team, as well as supplies needed for all the repairs we will be doing.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

4th of July Parade - The 4th of July is a great day to show your love of country. But it is also a great day to show love for your Lord and Savior to those along the parade route in Eagle River. How? Join in and help with Our Saviors entry into the Eagle River 4th of July parade down Wall Street. Our entry will be a flat-bed truck featuring the voices and musicians from our church. But you do not need to be a member of any of the musical groups to participate. Our entry also needs decorating help as well as individuals and families to walk alongside our entry handing out candy and our church give-away. Interested? Good! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help with planning. Those participating are asked to meet at Todd Otto's garage, 1231 E. Wall Street, the morning of the 4th at 10:00 am. Please wear your church t-shirt or something with red, white or blue, and of course, comfortable shoes. Weather is the only thing that will deter our entry! So, come on! It will be fun!! Join other members of our congregation as we share our love for God and country while singing our way down Wall Street! For additional information or answers to any questions, please call the church office.

Nursery Volunteers needed! Our Savior would like to provide a consistently staffed nursery for the young members of our congregation, ages 0-3. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the nursery and assure that we can offer this every week to our families and visiting families. The nursery is staffed during the 9:00 service during the summer as well as during education hour and the 10:00 service during the school year. Please let Mandy Kersten or Marlene Rieck know if you are able to help as needed or regularly! You can text or call Mandy at (920) 212-0192 or email at amanda.n.behm@gmail.com or you can text or call Marlene at (715) 891-0991 or email at marlenerieck87@gmail.com. Thank you!

The Scrip Committee is truly grateful to all the members of OSLC who purchased scrip. Your purchases made it possible for a \$4,000 donation which will be used as a preliminary payment for the camera to make streaming possible. Just think of the outreach and blessings provided to our members who are gone during the winter, those who are at home recovering or ill, and our college students who will be able to view services!

LC-MS National Youth Gathering & Appalachian Servant Event - All event participants should plan to attend worship next weekend, June 6th at 7 pm or July 7th at 9 am, for our commissioning before our travels. Church family, please keep all students and chaperones in your prayers as we prepare for our events: National Youth Gathering, July 10th-15th, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Appalachian Servant Event in Asheville, North Carolina, July 12th-25th. Thank you!