

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 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 Dave Goddard in celebration of Vonna's birthday. Happy Birthday Vonna!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Restoration for Runaways

September 8, 2019

AS WE GATHER

The book is only twenty-one verse, but the impact of today's Epistle is powerful! In his shortest New Testament letter, Paul appeals to a slave owner named Philemon on behalf of a repentant runaway named Onesimus. Within this bold appeal is the powerful display of Christ's work of redemption for all who seek the renewed favor of their master. The death and resurrection of Jesus make an appeal on our behalf before the Father. For we, like Onesimus, have run away from Him. And we, like Onesimus, are offered restoration, full and free, when we come into Jesus' presence in humble repentance and faith. Let's do that together this day! As repentant runaways, let's gather to receive the restoration our Master alone can give!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

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 *Philemon 3, 6*

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **By God's grace and peace, let us receive "the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.

People: **We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.**

Pastor: Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.

In a time of silence, we bring our sins to Jesus, our Savior.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His Son, forgives you all your sins. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave up Your Son to the sacrifice of the cross in order to restore those who have run away from Your presence.

People: **Grant us to faithfully follow Him who offered His life for us all.**

Pastor: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 30:15–20* (The Lord is your life!)

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 1*

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

People: **and on His law he meditates day and night.**

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

People: **In all that he does, he prospers.**

Pastor: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

People: **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

Pastor: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

People: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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 *Philemon 1–21* (Paul appeals on behalf of a repentant runaway.)

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my

brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:25–35* (We count the cost of being Jesus' disciples.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God, My Faithful God" LSB 696

SERMON/BACKPACK BLESSING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 "Choose Life"

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

OFFERING "Seek Ye First" (arr. Nancy Raabe) Organ

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

RITE OF COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastor: Our gracious God has worked faith in our hearts so that we may joyfully respond to His will and purpose. Let us therefore commit ourselves to the important task of teaching the truth of the Gospel and deepening the trust we have in Christ, our Savior. Parents: through Moses, God instructs us to teach His Word diligently to our children.

Parents: *We commit ourselves to talk of Jesus when we sit in our house, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. Deuteronomy 6:7*

Pastor: Children: Through St. Peter, God tells us that "the promise is for you and for your children." *Acts 2:39*

Children: *We promise to trust God's Word. For Jesus' sake, He has forgiven all our sins and opened heaven to us. We will not pay attention to the "gods" of the people around us. Deuteronomy 6:14*

Pastor: Teachers: Jesus rebuked the disciples, telling them and us to "Let the children come to [Him], and ... not hinder them." *Luke 18:16a*

Teachers: *We commit ourselves to teaching the children with every means at our disposal so that they will be eager to learn about their Lord, who has declared them to be citizens of His kingdom. Luke 18:16b*

Pastor: The promise is not only for us and our children. Peter said it is also "for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." *Acts 2:39*

People: **We commit ourselves as a congregation to the ministry of outreach education, inviting our friends and neighbors, our fellow citizens and visitors, to learn about the triune God, His love, mercy, and forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised that His Word "shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." *Isaiah 55:11* May the Holy Spirit continue to use Word and Sacrament to enable us to keep the commitments we have made this day, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

BENEDICTION *Based on Philemon 3, 6*

Pastor: Grace go with you and peace flow through you, for they are gifts from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **By God's grace and peace, we have been blessed with "the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."**

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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

✠ 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.

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425

“How Great Thou Art” LSB 801

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have restored, renewed, and 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.

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People: Amen.

HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LSB 922

IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Glenn Finger, Dan Scafaro |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Jim & Jean Walker. Todd & Brenda Otto
Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Dick Cherney, Ray Hutts, Andy Ellenberger |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Kris Secord
Late – Janet Nowers |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Mary Malinsky
Late – Marge Baerenwald |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jackie Pearce
Late – Sharon Gifford |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Shirley Knitt, Miriam Gillman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Jodi Popp
Late Service – Brenda Husing |

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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 | 9 | 10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 10 | 9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 11 | 10:30 am Martha Board
11:30 am Martha Meeting
4:00 pm WOW - 5 th & 6 th Graders
5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Elders Meeting |
| Thursday | 12 | 9:00 am Bible Study |
| Friday | 13 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 14 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 15 | 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: Saturday Evening: 80, Communion: 75, Sunday: 131, Tuesday Bible Study: 16



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

Birthdays:

8 – Debbie Holewinski **9** – Herb Numrich, Renee Rubin, Wendy Pluedeman
10 – Ashley Sauer, Shirley Priefer **11** – Ronald Kressin, Sean Lorenz **12** – Alex Heck, David Karll
13 – Michael Rieck, Vonna Goddard

Anniversaries:

9 – Tye & Deanna Lindbom **10** – Dan & Shelly Sauvola
12 – Harold & Marilyn Versh **14** – Mike & Cheryl Jenkins



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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. 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!

*David & Jennifer Chamberlain, James & Gloria Harper, Jeremiah Klotz, June Marheine,
Richard & Wendy Pluedeman, Rev. Charles Sheffler, Fred & Sandy Wiedenbauer*

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.

Greeters Needed! When you walk into church each Sunday do you smile and say "good morning" to fellow parishioners? Great. You might enjoy serving as a greeter! It's a very easy way to serve Our Savior so please consider helping when you are able. For more information, or to sign up as a greeter, please contact Holly Nier at 715-891-5536.

Portals of Prayer – It was brought to our attention that the July - September Portals of Prayer had a few pages missing. We have received replacement copies, please feel free to help yourself.

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!

...be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. (Matthew 10:16)

A word of caution. As we live in a broken world, there will be people out there to take advantage of your compassion. This week some of our members received a text message from "Pastor Peter" asking them to purchase gift cards for cancer patients in the hospital. The number the text message came from was not mine, nor did I send or authorize the text message. Please know that is NOT how I would ask for anyone's assistance. If you ever receive a notice asking you to send any money from anyone of us at church, PLEASE contact the church office to verify the legitimacy of the message first. - the REAL Pastor Kufahl.

JuBELLation Choir - Our bell choir will begin soon and we would love to have new bell ringers! Music reading is helpful but not required. Please contact Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck for information.

Choir Begins this Tuesday! - Join us Tuesday, September 10th, at 7 p.m. for our first fall choir rehearsal. Invite a friend and come for great fellowship and worship music as we praise the Lord!

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!

Tuesday Morning Bible Class - We were reminded that the pastors of our circuit will be getting together once again on the second Tuesday of each month. Therefore, the Tuesday morning Bible class (which will be digging into the book of Daniel) will meet on the second Thursday of each month.