

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10 & 11, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 Mike & Marlene Rieck in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Mike & Marlene!

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let Anxiety Be

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AS WE GATHER

How easy it is to become anxious when things go differently than we had hoped. We worry about ourselves and our loved ones. We experience everyday anxieties and big cosmic ones too. Sometimes anxiety can become so serious that professional help is needed. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Easier said than done, Paul! Jesus invites us to let anxiety be. Concerning the things most of us worry about—like food, clothing, provisions—Jesus observes that just as the birds, the lilies, and the grass are well-provided for, we will be taken care of as well. The adventure of life is one of faith: entrusting ourselves to the care of God, seeking first God’s reign, and experiencing the rich provision enjoyed by all of creation as a gift.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP “He” (Mullan/Richards) Solo – Karen Hassey

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. *Zephaniah 3:17*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 33:20–22*

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD;

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: **because we trust in His holy name.**

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: **even as we hope in You.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Loving God,

People: **we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. Help us to know and believe how much You love us. Let us abide in Your love even as You abide in us always. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.**

Pastor: Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 147:7–11*

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre¹⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

GLORIA PATRI & KYRIE LSB 186

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 187-189

Pastor: Glory be to God on High,

People: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, by Your grace we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 *Genesis 15:1–6* (God's promises to Abraham)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1–16* (The people of God living by faith)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO “A Living Prayer” (Ron Block) Karen Hassey

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)* (Let anxiety be.)

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

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

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house

had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” LSB 750 v. 1, 2, 3, 7

SERMON Hebrews 11:1-16 “What is this ‘faith’?”

CREED Saturday – Apostles’ Creed Sunday – Nicene Creed
(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING “Bist Du Bei Mir (If Thou Art Near)” (Bach)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Loving God, grant us the freedom to let anxiety be. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant us eyes that see and hearts that appreciate Your grace in calling people out of the nothing of darkness into the kingdom of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant us wise and faithful pastors who speak Your truth in love and Your love in truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant us civil leaders in every society that serve for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant healing to the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant us all the good that You have prepared for us today in the Holy Supper of Jesus’ body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, grant us together with all Your saints life eternal in Your kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENIORS

Loving Father, You have been our Rock in times of trouble, our peace in times of distress and our shelter from the storms of life. You have been our faithful friend through so much of our lives. You guided us through our childhood and were there during those days of carefree youth. And now in the twilight years of our lives, we are so thankful that You are our precious Savior who loved us so much that You took the punishment on the cross for us. How can we ever thank You our Lord and Savior? Visit us in our advancing years and

nourish us as we turn each day to Your precious word for our daily sustenance. We love You Lord and although we long to be with You and see You face to face, may we continue to be used as a channel through whom Your love flows out to others. Thank you Father that we can come boldly to Your throne of grace, in and through the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sunday 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 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575

POSTLUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (arr. Wilson)

✠ 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 195

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 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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IN HIS SERVICE

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Saturday – Pat Crum Sunday – Ron Hagen, Glenn Finger
<u>Ushers</u>	Saturday – Jim & Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto Sunday – Jerry Baerenwald, Andy Ellenberger, Ray Hutts, Gerald Yetter
<u>Greeters</u>	Saturday – Pat & Jan Grosse Sunday – Joan Holdmann
<u>Readers</u>	Saturday – Bonnie Jozwowski Sunday – Marge Baerenwald
<u>Media Operators</u>	Saturday – Dave Parker Sunday – Jan Wise
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Bev Ginnow, Dawn Shantz
<u>Nursery</u>	– Sunday 9:00 am Service – Laura Lorenz

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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 | 5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 13 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Wednesday | 14 | 9:00 am Endowment Committee
7:00 pm Elders Meeting |
| Thursday | 15 | |
| Friday | 16 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 17 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation
7:00 pm Worship celebrating Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 18 | 9:00 am Worship – Nursery Available
10:30 Outdoor Worship at Camp Luther |

ATTENDANCE: Saturday Evening: 72, Communion: 65, Sunday: 135,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 4, Monday Evening Bible Study: 16,
Tuesday Bible Study: 17

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Actual to Date (as of July 31, 2019)

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| Offerings | \$ 227,282.13 |
| Offering Budget | \$ 247,666.54 |
| Deficit | \$ -20,384.41 |

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.

Outdoor Worship at Camp Luther – Join us at Camp Luther on Sunday August 18th at 10:30 for an outdoor worship service. We will also have our regular 9:00 am service here at church.

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

Praise & Worship - We will rehearse Tuesday, August 13th, at 7 pm in preparation for our outdoor worship at Camp Luther on August 18th.

Vacation Bible School - THANK YOU again to our awesome group of volunteers who helped in so many ways to share Jesus with our VBS children! Thank you also for supporting "Water for Tanzania" our VBS mission project. We sent \$703 to help build wells in Tanzania. We pray that the families of Tanzania are blessed with fresh water and the love of Jesus.

DCE Intern Coming! - Anna Reineke will be joining our staff as a Director of Christian Education intern starting on Sunday, August 25th. Her installation will be at the 9 am worship service, followed by a welcome in the fellowship hall. Please welcome Anna and pray for her as she begins serving among us.

Rally Day! - Mark your calendar for Rally Day and the kick-off to our fall Christian education on Sunday, September 8th, at 8:45 am. *"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple...more to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb."* Psalm 19:7 & 10