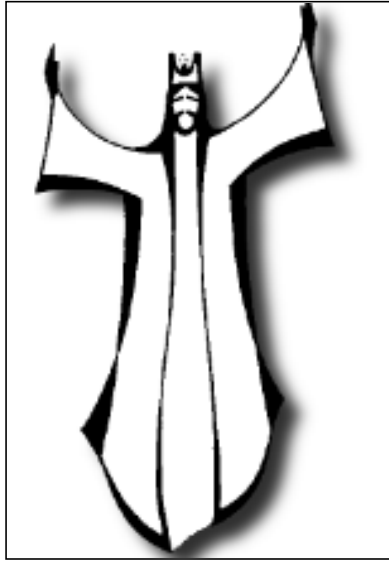




Lutheran Church of Our Savior

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting I – Service of the Word

10:00am

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Our Mission

Responding to God's love, Lutheran Church of Our Savior desires to reach more people for Christ by proclaiming Him, by growing in faith, and by caring for all people.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

Todah Yahweh

TSI

1. Your love is great Greater than all things
Jesus, You are with us in this place
Yes, You gave Your life So we could walk in light
Alleluia, Lord, You came to save

Chorus: God, we need You every day
With one voice we sing Your praise
Full of mercy, full of grace Todah Yahweh
In our weakness, You are strong
In Your presence, we belong
Full of mercy, full of grace Todah Yahweh

2. You know our needs You know our ev'ry fear
Lord, You know each one of our mistakes
Yes, You know our flaws You know our every sin
Jesus, still You offer us Your grace (**Chorus**)

Holy, Holy You are Worthy, God Almighty, Jesus, have Your way
Holy, Holy You are Worthy, God Almighty, Jesus forever reign
Holy, Holy You are Worthy, God Almighty, Jesus, have Your way
Holy, Holy You are Worthy, God Almighty, Jesus forever reign (**Chorus**)

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that "all things should be done decently and in order."

1 Corinthians 14:40

Pastor: To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six. The apostle Peter also writes in his first epistle: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

The pastor addresses the officers–elect:

Pastor: You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. You are to work with the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight. You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained. You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world. While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office–bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

Pastor: In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the offices entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

Response: I do.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

People: We do.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

People: Amen.

Officers dismissed to their seats

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

KYRIE

Sung

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let Us Pray:

Pastor: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth: 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader: The Old Testament Lesson is from Ezekiel the 18th chapter.

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-11

Reader: The New Testament Lesson is from Philippians the 2nd chapter.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-27

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

PSALM READING

Psalm 17:1-15

Reader: The Psalm Lesson is from Psalm the 17th chapter.
A Prayer of David. Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right! You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, from men by your hand, O Lord, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN Lord,Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word LSB 655

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

People: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERINGS

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Almighty King HANDBELLS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH From Divine Service Setting 5 LSB p.215

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hand we commend [those we name in our hearts now] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom as you teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION LSB 166

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.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Abide with Me HANDBELLS

CLOSING HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LSB 761

Worship Assistants	10:00 AM
Greeter	Jane Riddiough
Acolyte	Piper Chaney
Elder	Dennis Payne
Usher	Michael Southern
Lesson Reader	Gary Lange
Keyboard/Bass	Erika Miller/Tom Heuchert
Media	Julie Martin
Altar Guild	Becky Foley