

September 25-26, 2021 Our Savior's Lutheran Church 359 North Leonard Street, West Salem, Wisconsin 608-786-0030 office@oursaviorswestsalem.org www.oursaviorswestsalem.org

Welcome

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity....

God our comforter,

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our

apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

Prayer Of The Day

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." 39But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye

causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Sermon

Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need, 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for its height and depth and to the child, the youth, the definition its height and depth and the child, the youth, the definition its height and depth and the child, the youth, the definition its height and depth and depth and the child, the youth, the definition is a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized, especially Nora, and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, especially those devastated by the wildfires out west, along with waterways and natural habitats, and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other diseases. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the worship leaders and education leaders of this congregation: from musicians to ushers, and from Sunday school teachers to confirmation teachers and guides. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Stir up in others a desire to also be a part of these ministries as we move forward. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Campbell, Lauren, and Makena as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and

place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Lord's Prayer

Invitation To Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Hymn "Oh, Sing to The Lord"



Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God**.

Check out the September newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more about ...

... Confirmation Ministry



September 29 – Confirmation

6 PM – 6th Grade Class

6 PM - 7th Grade Outdoor Gathering

6 PM – 8th Grade Class

7 PM – 9th Grade Class

... **School Kits** – when you're out shopping, remember to pick up school supplies for our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits. The kits, along with the quilts the ladies have been making all year will be packed on October 6.

... Looking for friendly folks ...



... to **welcome worshippers** at Saturday (6 PM) and Sunday (10 AM) worship

Remember – masks are required when you are in the building. Thank you!

