

August 26-27, 2023

Gospel on the Green

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

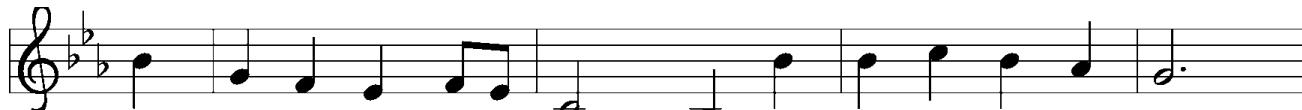
PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*GREETING

page 184 (*in front of hymnal*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

page 184-185 (*in front of hymnal*)

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev'-ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Just A Little Talk with Jesus" 10 a.m.
Senior Choir

READING Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

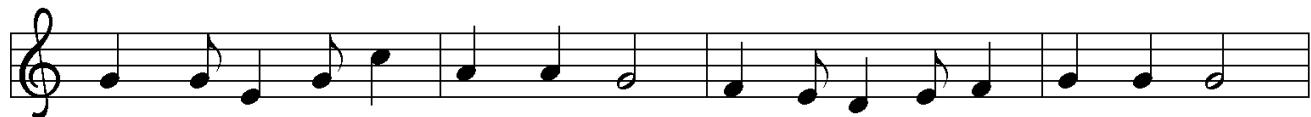
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

*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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER** page 112 (in front of hymnal)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "One Bread, One Body" **#496**

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.***SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION*****BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

***HYMN** "What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last-ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

***DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Lily Muellenberg
Jill Iliff

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Ethan Quackenbush
Jeff Haldeman
Johnsrude Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

10 a.m.

Anya Tenner
Wendy Amundson
Blunck/Skittone Family

Home Communion

Daryl Wermedal

Altar Guild for August

Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

GOSPEL ON THE GREEN WORSHIP AND POTLUCK PICNIC AT THE LION'S SHELTER

Sunday, August 27 – 10 AM Come and join us as we worship together outdoors, celebrating the gifts of God's grace as summer nears its end!

SOS Band leads worship
Holy Communion celebrated
Bring your own seating
Bring a dish to pass

WE THANK - the SOS Band for providing music during worship today.

HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR AUGUST NEW HORIZONS



New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, a shelter for individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence, was organized in 1978 through the cooperative efforts of an informal group of citizens in the La Crosse area who recognized the need for services to victims of domestic abuse. New Horizons Shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide emergency shelter and food to victims of domestic violence and their children. The shelter's Crisis Advocates provide support and advocacy for women and children throughout their shelter stay. Often, when women come into the shelter, they are forced to flee their homes quickly and under great stress, leaving most of their belongings behind. Through community donations, New Horizons is able to provide families with clothing and personal care items. We thank you for your support and care for those who are hurting.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant for both men/women, Bushes beans, pineapple, and cereal.

IT'S SCHOOL KIT TIME!

Collection continues through the end of September. Our greatest needs are: notebooks, scissors, and pens. See below. At this time we have received plenty of pencils – THANK YOU!

- 1 – 30 cm ruler/12 inch
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – **BLUNT** scissors
- 5 – **UNsharpened** pencils
- 1 – box 24 crayons
- 1 – 2-1/2-inch eraser
- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)
- 5 – blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)



WORSHIP UPDATE

starting September 10
Sunday 10 AM returns to 10:30 AM

Saturday 6 PM
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

RALLY DAY -Sunday, September 10

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM
We will be inviting our Sunday School Classroom Grandparents to join us, too ...



**Mark your calendars ... invite a friend ...
and join us!**

Note: Sunday School registration forms for all grades are available on the church website (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org).
It's not too early to sign up!

BACKPACK BLESSING - September 9-10

If you are a **student (of any age!)** attending school, bring your backpacks, laptop bags, or whatever else you use. We will share a blessing and a reminder of God's love and presence as we begin another year of learning.



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