



Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2023  
Pentecost 18

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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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](http://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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## REFLECTION

**HYMN****"Jesus Loves Me!"****#595**

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

**READING****Philippians 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own

salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL**      Matthew 21:23-32

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## **\*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: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*(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!)*

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation and the congregation of Bethany in Mauston. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Zander and Sophie as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## MISSION MOMENT

### HYMN

### "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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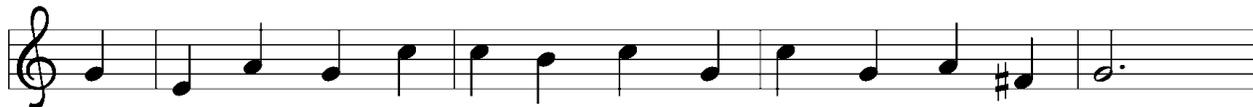
1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home.

## REFLECTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### \*BLESSING

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN****"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"****#656**

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**WE THANK** – Dori Jensen for leading worship and Ilene Pavelko for providing music Sunday morning. Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean are at Bethany Mauston sharing our story.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Addy Tlustosch
Communion Assistant	Chad Vick
Welcoming Team	Dennis & Ann Sprain
	<b>8 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Isaac Arentz
Welcoming Team	Hickey Family
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	_____
Welcoming Team	_____
Home Communion	Pam Gresens
Altar Guild for October.	Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

## CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS – Wednesday, October 4

3:30 pm – After School  
5:30 pm – Meal  
6 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class  
6 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> grade class  
7 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class  
NO Class – 9<sup>th</sup> grade class

## HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR OCTOBER – LWR Quilt Shipping

Our ladies have been hard at work this past year creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief. As of this writing, they are up to 270 quilts! And, they still have two more weeks to work. We will be putting the school kits together in the next few weeks as well. To date, we have enough supplies to make 107 kits. Thank you to all who donated supplies and to the kids who helped put the kits together.

The quilts and kits will be taken to Good Shepherd in LaCrosse on October 14 to be loaded on the truck headed to Minneapolis and then shipped across the country and across the globe. Did you know that it costs \$2.25 to ship each quilt? And, \$1.40 to ship each school kit? The Hungry Jar offering for October will be used to help with the cost of shipping these items.



Also ... Join us in worship October 7/8 as we bless the quilts and kits before they are sent on.

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



**Cultivating life-giving relationships  
rooted in God's love ...  
Living Faith Partnership**

We will have a congregation "exchange" with our Living Faith Partner congregation, Bethany in Mauston. This will be an opportunity to share our stories, worship together, and create a partnership with a congregation in a part of the Synod that is different from us. Travel to Mauston with us on Sunday, October 1 for their 9:30 am worship. Join us on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 (at 8 & 10:30 + coffee fellowship), to be a part of welcoming the folks from Bethany to Our Savior's.



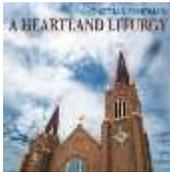
**CHECK IT OUT AND GIVE IT A TRY!**

Do you take piano lessons or do you play piano? Bring your piano music and try it on the organ! After the 10:30 am service on Sunday, October 8, we invite you to bring your music, come to the balcony, and play it on the organ. Linda Berg, our church organist, will be there to help you ... don't be shy! If you can't make it that day, we'll do it again sometime before Christmas so you can try your Christmas music. All are welcome!

**SCHOOL KITS** - Supplies will still be accepted the first two Sundays in October. The most needed items are: spiral notebooks, ball point pens and BLUNT scissors. Thank you for your continued support.



**CHECK IT OUT...NEW LITURGY**



We continue to learn "A Heartland Liturgy" by Jonathan Rundman during the month of October. The SOS Band got us started the end of September. **Join us as we try something new!**

Jonathan Rundman is a songwriter, performer, and recording artist. He is a leading voice in new Lutheran music, and was also a contributing author for **The Lutheran Handbook**. His songs have been used as programmatic theme music for regional and national Youth Gatherings. He is originally from Ishpeming MI (where Pastor Jon knew him as a high school student!).

**SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.

Check out the Oct. newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.

## COOKIES FOR LUMIN –



Lutheran Campus Ministry of the LaCrosse Area Synod traditionally shares cookies in the square on the campus of UW-L every Wednesday during the school year. Congregations of the Synod are asked to sign up for a week to provide these cookies – 500 (42 dozen)!! We are signed up for November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are inviting members of the congregation to bake a batch (or two) of your favorite cookies, put them in plastic bags with a dozen in each bag, and bring them to church (there's a box in the Gathering Area) no later than Monday, October 30. We will make sure the cookies get down to campus.



## Norwegian Dinner

**November 4**

**3:30-6:30 PM**

It's coming – **the Norwegian Dinner is in the works!**

Carry out and dine in options.  
Restaurant style – a plate will be brought to you.  
Meatballs & fixings - \$16.00  
Lutfisk, meatballs & fixings - \$20.00  
No preorder of tickets.

To make this work ... ***we need your help!*** Sign-up in the Gathering Area. Sign-up early to get your favorite job.

**WE NEED YOU!**  
**TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Why sign up to help? To make a difference! Remember, all the profits go to support ministries and programs that change people's lives – a great way to live out your calling as a disciple of Jesus.

For more information see Lynette Ender.