



September 16-17, 2023  
Pentecost 16

**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

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,  
Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit  
who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid  
to risk what we have for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown,  
forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on  
others and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor,  
forgive us. Lead us back to you and  
set us on the right path; in the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"**

**#452**



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con- quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

**\*GREETING**

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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.**

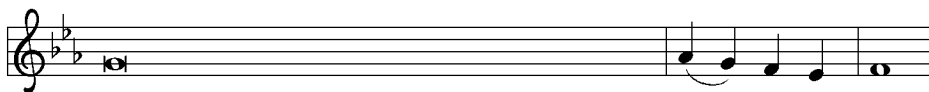
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



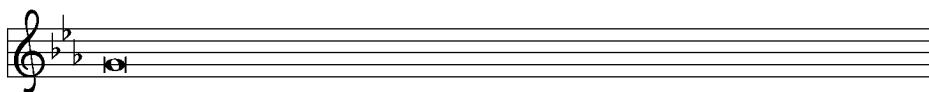
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



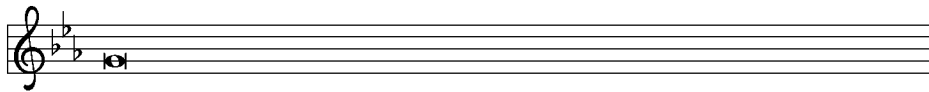
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.




A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

page 101 (in front of hymnal)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Break the Bread, Pour the Wine"

Senior Choir

(10:30 am)

## READING

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and the same key signature. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**\*GOSPEL**      Matthew 18:21-35

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



**\*HYMN**

**"Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

**#359**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

**\*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 pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, including our brothers and sisters at Bethany Mauston that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Evelyn, Anya, and Gunnar 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 the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. 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.**

**\*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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*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**

**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**

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**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 are 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; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #733****\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION****\*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****"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"****#544**

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE****OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**[www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Addison Kendhammer
Communion Assistant	Bonny Goodenough
Welcoming Team	Vick Family
	<b>8 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Max Langrehr
Communion Assistant	Carolyn Karl
Welcoming Team	Weiland Family
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Olivia Sprehn
Communion Assistant	Rich Clements
Welcoming Team	Rich Clements Family
Home Communion	Bev Bockenbauer
Altar Guild for Sept.	Jill Iliff / Susan Giblin

**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.

## 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.



## Hungry Jar Offering for September – Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian Islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season. *As of this writing, hurricanes are pounding California, as well, and LDR will be there helping them too.*

LDR is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires in Hawaii and hurricanes in California. LDR will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. LDR is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

## 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 – **UN**sharpened 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)



### **CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS – Wednesday, September 20**

- 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

**10th -12th Grade** – September 20 at 7 PM - Youth Room  
“Discipleship” with Rachel Holthaus

**HANDBELLS** - Whether you're “new” or “seasoned”, we'd love to have you join us! Practices begin **September 20 at 6 PM** in the Music Room (downstairs off of the Fellowship Hall). Speak to Laurie Noelke or one of the pastors for more information – or just show up!!

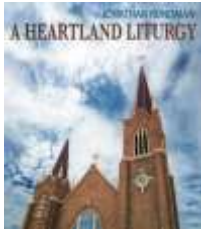


**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: BIBLE ENCOUNTER** - September 14,21,28 @ 6:30 PM in the Library. Join us as we gather to watch a series of videos created by Pastor Len Liptack (Faith in Black Hammer), study, and discuss scripture together. Our group is then invited to join others from across the synod who have also been studying this month for fellowship and one last class on October 5 at Our Redeemer in LaCrosse.

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

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





**CHECK IT OUT ... NEW LITURGY** - Starting September 23/24, we will be introducing "A Heartland Liturgy" by Jonathan Rundman. The SOS Band will help us begin to learn the new liturgy that weekend, and we will use it most of October. Join us as we try something new!

**ARE YOU A "TECHIE"** – We are looking for folks to "work the system," so if you are interested in being a "techie for Jesus," see one of the pastors or Dean Olson. We will get you trained and comfortable with the system so that you can be a part of delivering the good news to church ... and (literally) to the world!



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

In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about a new Synod initiative – Living Faith Partnership. The plan is to have a congregation "exchange" – 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. We have been partnered with Bethany Lutheran Church in Mauston. Watch for more details ... think about traveling to Mauston with us on Sunday, October 1 ... think about welcoming the folks from Mauston here on Sunday, October 8 ... but for now, pray for the folks at Bethany!

