



September 9-10, 2023
Pentecost 15

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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

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** pp 211-212 *(in front of hymnal)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have
been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***HYMN**

"As We Gather at Your Table"

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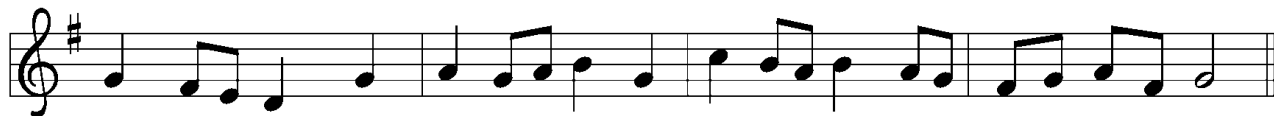
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,




teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

***GREETING** page 213 (*in front of the 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** page 213 (*in front of the hymnal*)



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** pp 213-215 (*in front of the hymnal*)

Refrain




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



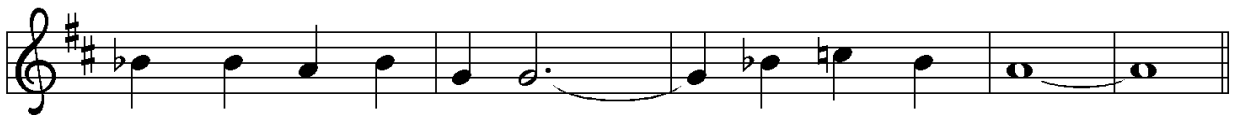
Final refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



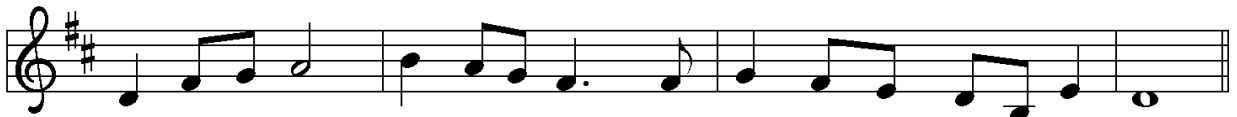
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "He's Got the Whole World" (8 am)
 Senior Choir

READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

page 216 *(in front of hymnal)*



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

***GOSPEL** Matthew 18:15-20

The Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the disciples ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN*"God, When Human Bonds are Broken"****#603**

1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

***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!)*

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Chase, Olivia, and Mya 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.

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. 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

***CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** page 219 *(in front of the hymnal)*

Refrain

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

Refrain

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles-sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

***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.

***EUCCHARISTIC 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 the 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**

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

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#742

***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**

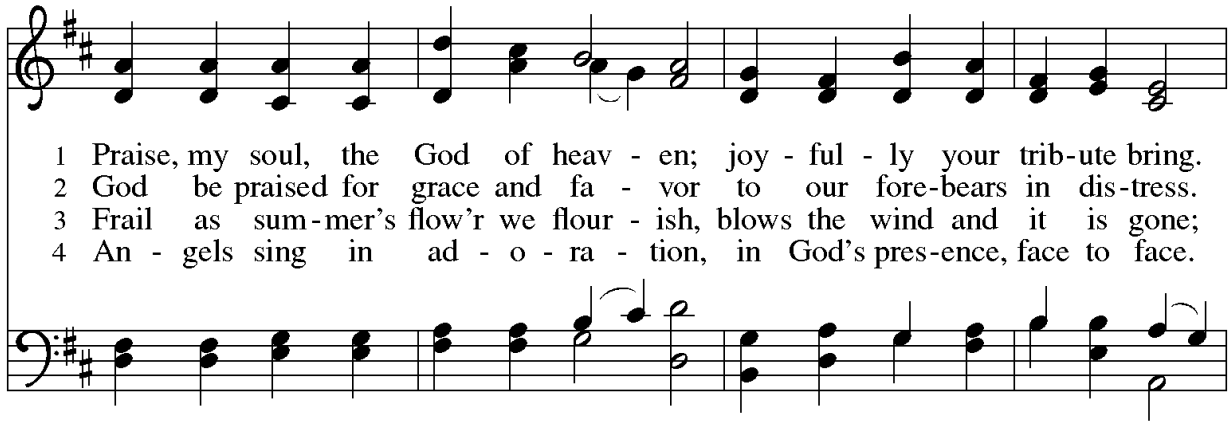
The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

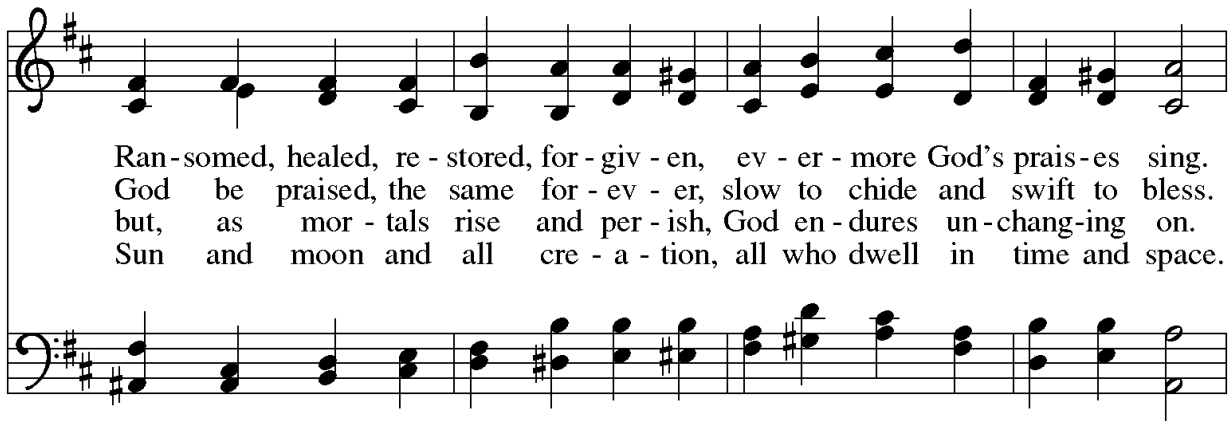
***HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

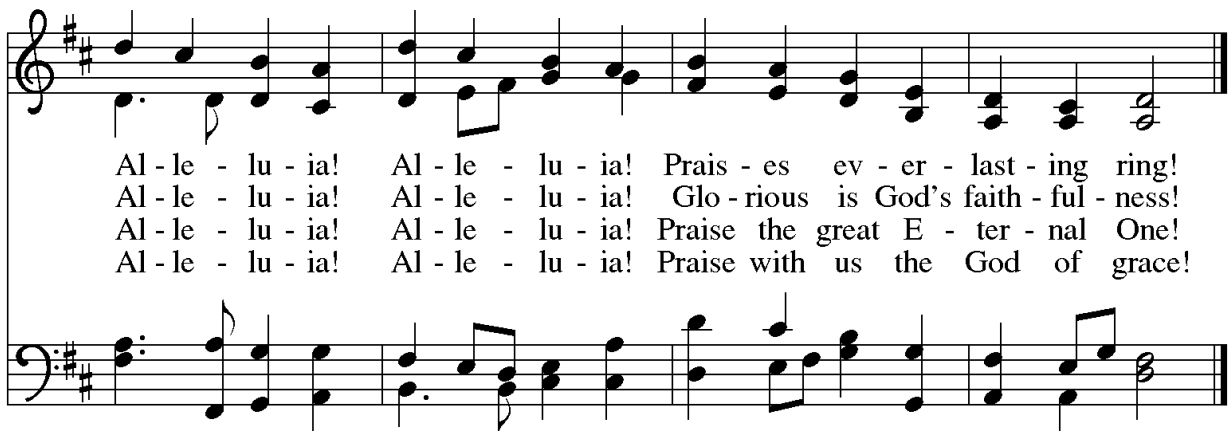
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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

***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

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WORSHIP LEADERS

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Camille Godlewski
Communion Assistant Kyle Twite
Welcoming Team Twite Family

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Claire Gross
Communion Assistant Eric Iliff
Welcoming Team Stugen Family

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Sophia Johnson
Communion Assistant Stacey Sjoquist
Welcoming Team McConkey Family

Home Communion Dottie Baumgartner
Altar Guild for Sept. Jill Iliff

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.

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

NEW MEMBERS - If you're interested in joining the congregation we'd love to have you! Pastor Jon is looking to get a class started, so this is a great time. For more information on membership and how it can happen for you, see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean!





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.



BACKPACK BLESSING - September 9-10

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!



CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS –

Wednesday, September 13

- 3:30 pm – After School
- 5:30 pm – Meal
- 6 pm – 6th grade class
- 6 pm – 7th/8th grades Scavenger Hunt
- 7 pm – 9th grade class

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Watch for it – on Wednesday, **September 13**, from 6-7, the 7-8th graders will be out scavenging the neighborhood for the Food Pantry. If you aren't in the neighborhood and want to support their work...you can drop off items here at church. A special need these days is cereal, but regardless, for whatever you share, thank you for all your support of ministries that feed God's people!

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

ATTENTION 10th – 12th GRADERS...

Ready to channel your “inner disciple?”

Join Rachel Holthaus on Wednesdays at 7 PM to explore...and discover...

God’s call to faithful living
and servant leadership as
a disciple of Jesus.



Bible study...conversation...sharing...praying...
maybe a few treats too?

September 13 and 20 @ 7 PM
Youth Room

SENIOR CONNECTION - Tuesday, September 12 at Linda’s Bakery 9:30 AM.

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 across the synod who have also been studying
this month for fellowship and one last class on October 5 at Our Redeemer in
LaCrosse.

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!!



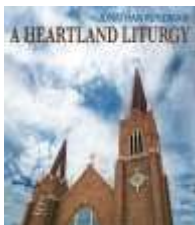
IT’S SCHOOL KIT TIME!

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)



COLLEGE CONNECTION – For those who students starting or returning to college, please remember to share their campus address and email with Pastor Jean. We want to keep in touch!



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!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023 PHOENIX

WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING – September 21-24

Women of Our Savior's are invited to provide gift cards from Target, Walmart, Visa, Mastercard, Home Depot, or Sam's Club in denominations of \$10 or \$25 to go to homeless refugee women or young women who had been trafficked. Brenda Skittone and Connie Blunck are scheduled to attend the gathering in Phoenix and would be happy to take your gift cards with them.