

October 21-22, 2023 Pentecost 21

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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



*GREETING

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

Bold text is congregational response.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Break the Bread, Pour the Wine" Senior Choir 6 pm

READING Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL VERSE



*GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON



*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: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(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!)

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us here in this place, along with our partners at Bethany in Mauston, for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are oppressed, despairing, sick, suffering, lonely, and those who are homebound, especially Arlan and Lana. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy, and gifts of life and hope. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Lyriq and Anna as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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/HOLY HOLY



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:

*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.

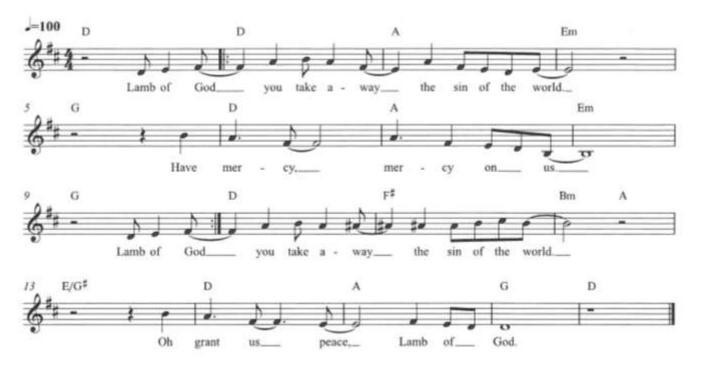
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

#623

*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.**



*DISMISSAL (Done from the back of the church)

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

BAPTISM – In the waters of baptism, we welcome Preston Frederick, son of Tyler & Ranae Herman. Preston's sponsors are Maddie Smith and Ross Holthaus.

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

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

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Jesse Jothen Communion Assistant Jon Hetland

Welcoming Team Dave & Angie Hemker

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Campbell Laack Communion Assistant Pam Gresens Welcoming Team Dan & Jan Wee

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Landon Labus Reader Michelle Witte Communion Assistant Corey Sjoquist

Welcoming Team Adam & Jessica Kennedy

Home Communion Rasmussen Family

Altar Guild for October Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS

Wednesday, October 25

3:30 pm - After School

5:30 pm - Meal

6 pm - 6 Confirmation Class

6-7 pm - Halloween Party for PreK - 3rd Graders

THIRD GRADE BIBLE WORKSHOP – Sunday, October 22 from 2-3:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – Spam, can chicken, Bushes beans, paper towel, Kleenex, and dish soap.

HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR OCTOBER LWR Quilt Shipping

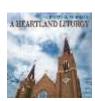
Our ladies have been hard at work this past year creating more than 310 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all who donated supplies and to the kids who helped put 110 school kits together.

The quilts and kits were 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.

CHECK IT OUT...NEW LITURGY

We continue to learn "A Heartland Liturgy" by Jonathan Rundman during the month of October. 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.

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 1st. 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. Please sign up to let us know how many you plan to bring.

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

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pre-K to 3rd Grade

Wednesday, October 25 6-7 PM in the church fellowship hall

Games, activities, stories, candy ... and yes, even Jesus!

Come in your costume – a "best costume contest" is part of the evening. Parents are encouraged to join us!



Sponsored by the 8^{th} *and* 9^{th} *grade confirmation class.*



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

To make this work ... we need your Gathering Area. Sign-up early to get



your favorite job.

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.