

October 7-8, 2023 Pentecost 19

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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 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



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "First Song of Isaiah" 10:30 am Senior Choir /Sunday School

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / QUILT/KIT BLESSING

*GOSPEL VERSE



*GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said to the people: 33"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? 43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON Pastor Joan Wittrock



*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!)

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace, hear our prayer. God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation and our living faith partners at Bethany in Mauston as living stones, that we stand in our communities as witnesses to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of love, watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Laney, Camille, and William 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.

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. 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

"Jesus Loves Me"

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*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

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Laurie Noelke, Handbell Choir Director/Assistant Worship Musician Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

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.

WE WELCOME – our living faith partners from Bethany in Mauston and thank them for sharing their story.

WORSHIP LEADERS

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Communion Assistant Welcoming Team

Judy Morzinski

Keith & Jan Goetzinger

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Communion Assistant Welcoming Team

Deanna Christianson Alison Hemker

Tlustosch Family 10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Communion Assistant **Arianna Clements**

Welcoming Team

Janisch Family

Home Communion

Carolyn Karl / Ilene Pavelko

Altar Guild for October

Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS -Wednesday, October 11

3:30 pm - NO After School

6 pm – 6 Confirm

6 pm - 7 Confirm

7 pm - 8 Confirm

7 pm – 9 Confirm

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!

SENIOR CONNECTION – Tuesday, October 10 at Linda's Bakery @9:30 a.m.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE WORKSHOPS – Sunday, October 8 or 22 from 2-3:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - Spam, can chicken, Bushes beans, paper towel, tissue, and dish soap.

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 300 quilts! And, they still have one more week to work. The school kits are being put together this week 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.

TRANSPORTING QUILTS – We need people with vans or pick ups to take the quilts to Good Shepherd Saturday, October 14. Speak to one of the Pastors if you can help.

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!).



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.

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.

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.*



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

Lutefisk, 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.



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.

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