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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.

PEACEKEEPER BAGS FOR CHILDREN to use during worship are available in the coat room.

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 AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***HYMN** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" **#618**

***GREETING** page 147 (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 147 (in front of the hymnal)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**
page 149 (in front of the hymnal)

***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 Genesis 28: 10-17

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done

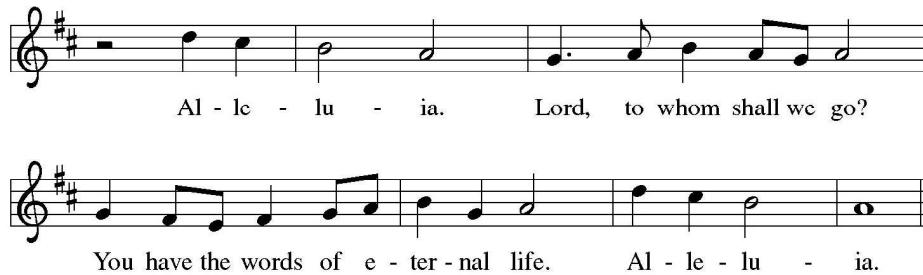
what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL Matthew 21: 33-46

The Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. 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. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But 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. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They 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'? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They 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

***HYMN** "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" **#452**

BAPTISM page 227(in front of the hymnal) 10:30 AM

***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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*(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 every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. Accompany those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Ella Mae and Bobbie. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of every heart, work within your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Kaelyn as she seeks to grow in her discipleship, and guide her family that together they may reflect your love and grace. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

***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 154 (*in front of hymnal*)

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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 HYMNS

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" **#479**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" **#473**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

*BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **#631**

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

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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BAPTISM: In the waters of baptism, we welcome Josie Leigh, daughter of Andrew & Mya Tepp. Josie's sponsors are Jonathan & Mattie Miller.

CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Ella Mae Johnson and Bobbie Broughton. 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

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Ava Johnsrude
Jon Hetland
Bonnie Gensch

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Addyson Knebes
Amy Rasmussen
Knebes Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

10:30 a.m.

Lauryn Langrehr
Kyle Hehl
Jeff & Melissa Haldeman

Home Communion
Altar Guild for October

Mariette Stefferud
Cindy Averbek & Jaime Fortier

SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

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

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



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LAST CALL! Whether you're going to WTC
and living at home or traveling to the far
ends of the country, we need your **campus address** and
your **email address**!

You are important to us and we want to keep in touch –
Please get the information to the office or to Pastor Jean.

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Students ...
[All parents are invited to join us]**

Wednesday, October 7 at 6 PM

**Speaker: Heidi Overson, The Amara Rose
Foundation**



The Amara Rose Foundation (amararosefoundation.org) was founded in 2022 by Randall & Heidi Overson and Jeff Richardson. On January 7, 2022, they lost their daughter, Amara, to fentanyl poisoning. Amara died alone on a cold kitchen floor, miles from home. She was 31.

Amara had struggled with substance abuse, insecurity, and poor mental health for eight years. But fentanyl is what killed her. The foundation was started for a beautiful life lost, but also in honor of all those whose lives have been lost to substance abuse, fentanyl poisoning, and mental illness. They stand on the verse: "*... You meant evil against me, but God made it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*" Genesis 50:20

**Confirmation Parents and anyone else with a passion for
kids ...**



Wednesday, October 14 at 6 PM

**Speaker: Al Erickson
Adults Saving Kids (ASK)
(www.adultssavingkids.org)**

ASK works to train and equip parents and grandparents with the tools they need to build up the lives of their children. They carry out their mission with a special concern for the human trafficking of young people.

**3rd Graders will receive their Bibles
during worship
Sunday, October 11**



Hungry Jar Offering for October – Shoe Box Christmas Project

Our confirmation students are collecting personal care items that they will then put into shoe boxes, wrap the boxes, and deliver them to the Boys & Girls Club and/or the West Salem Schools to give a young adult a little something for Christmas.

Each shoe box will include -- toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, socks, shampoo, and body wash.

If you choose to purchase these items, they can be placed in the basket in the Gathering Area.

Our Hungry Jar offering for October will be used to purchase additional items needed to complete the boxes.

Thank you to all who have already provided shoe boxes for this project. We appreciate your generosity and no longer need boxes.

Care and Share Food Pantry ...

is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. The food pantry could use Hamburger Helper, pasta sauces, and SPAM. Money, other non-perishable food items, and personal care items are always welcome.

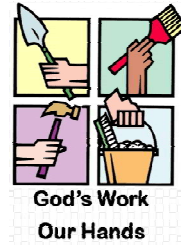
Thank you for being so supportive of the pantry!



Save the Date!
Thursday, October 22, 8:30 AM

Watch for a sign up sheet!

Many hands make the work light on specialized cleaning and other projects inside the church. Suggestions for detailed cleaning or potential projects? Notify the church office or text/call Rich Westpfahl at 608-780-4377.



Norwegian Dinner & Bake Sale
November 7, 2026
3:30 to 6:30 pm

Sign up early to get your favorite job!
Your help makes a difference!

Reminder!

No Bible Study Wednesday, Oct 7!



Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem
Instagram Page – oursaviors_ws
YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) -
[youtube.com/@techoslca](https://www.youtube.com/@techoslca)

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