

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please sign one of the visitors' registration cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord, our God, put a choice before His people, "life and good, death and evil." In His great love for all people He urges us to "choose life!" Because of our sin and separation from God, however, we madly choose death and evil---always. By our fallen nature, we "cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ the Lord or come to Him." That's why God first chose us. But, on our behalf, His Son chose death, and by His death sin has been rendered powerless. Now, because "the Holy Spirit calls [us] by the gospel, enlightens [us] with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps [us] in the one true faith," we believe and choose the life already chosen for us. The gift of forgiveness of our sin, restoration with God, and eternal life, reflect God's abundant love in our life and in our world - even as we painstakingly bear the burden of our own crosses. Quotations adapted from *The Third Article*





Head Usher: Doug Benner
Elder: Bob Storm
Organist: Stephanie Gibbs
Acolyte: Abigale Storm
Sound Board: Rich Rieches
Greeters: Jean Lauterbach and Carolyn Reed
Radio Monitors: Cheryl Knake and Barb Teig
Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

✠ The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Hymn of Invocation

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LSB 793

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Psalm 84:10

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

Psalm 25:4

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

John 17:17

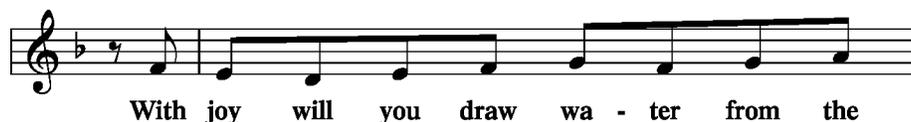
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

Isaiah 12:2b-6





wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

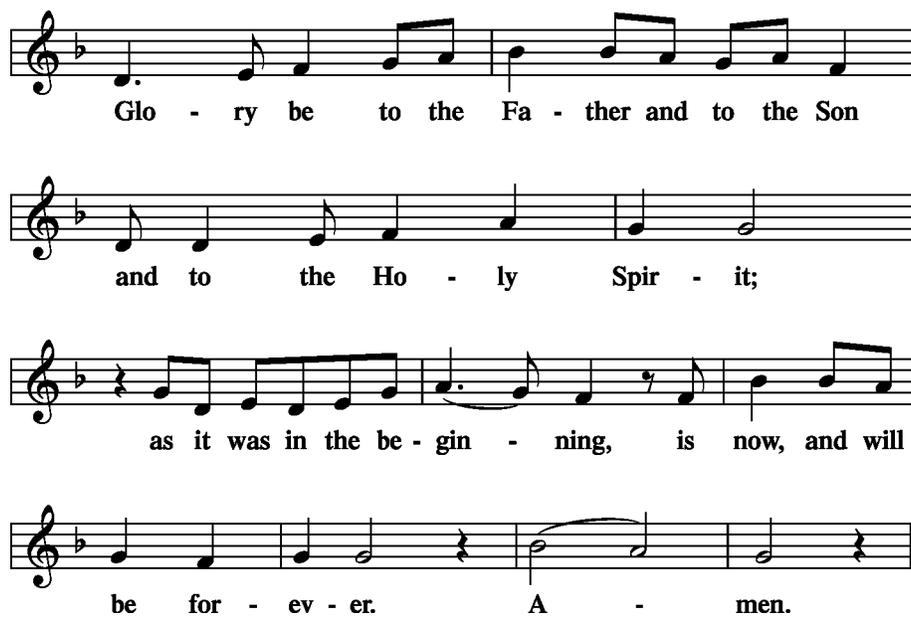


Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Collect of the Day

P O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

Sermon

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering

All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Please stand

Offertory Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray ...

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
LSB 660

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This Week at a Glance

- Today:** 10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School Picnic
- Monday:** **Pastor’s Family Day**
- Thursday:** 6:30 pm LWML / Dorcas Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Next Sunday:** **Pastor Gibbs’ Last Sunday Service**
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class



Announcements

September 8, 2019

LWML / Dorcas Society

The LWML / Dorcas Society will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Patty Bruens and Bertha Parsons will be the hostesses providing a yummy snack, I am sure of it. Remember to bring your mites. This month's agenda includes Our Seasons Vintage Bazaar updates, LWML Sunday in October and Music and Pie in November. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions about Dorcas Society, please see Theta Lee or Dianne Estes. See You There!!!

Backpack Blessings

With the new school year just days away we just want to remind everyone about our Backpack Blessings program. We will again be sending home backpacks of easy to prepare food for those who qualify/need them. We ended last year with 30 kids in the program. They will be automatically enrolled this year along with any new students who wish to participate. We continue to make this program work solely through monetary and food donations. We'd greatly appreciate your support. Food donations may be placed in the box beneath the mailboxes. Please remember food must be easy for kids to prepare. Ideas for food items are Easy mac, soup, spaghettios, Ramen noodles, Poptarts, granola bars, etc. Monetary donations may be given to Brenna Schroeder. Please contact Brenna with any questions, or if you know kids who would benefit from this program. Thank you!

Walk for Life

We want YOU to join our church family and the team of the Women's Care Clinic at the 2019 Walk for Life, on Saturday, September 28 at Lincoln Park in Danville!

The Walk is a family-friendly event, that provides local women and men with Gospel-based, life-affirming medical services to save babies and serve families! There will be music, balloons, life-affirming signs and t-shirts, and an easy two-mile walk on city sidewalks.

You can earn a free 2019 Walk for Life T-shirt, and support the pro-life outreach of Women's Care Clinic, by gathering pledges online or on a paper form. Find more information on the Pro-Life table in the Narthex.

It's A Picnic!!!

Our Savior Lutheran Church will be celebrating the new Sunday School and Bible Class year with a congregational picnic following our worship service today. Festivities will begin immediately after the fellowship time in the new classrooms and student may get acclimated with their teachers and learn where their first semester offerings will go as well as who they will benefit. A picnic style lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall and we will have games for both young and old to enjoy. A sign up sheet will be available soon for side dishes and desserts. This is a very informal way to encourage and invite the children and adults of our wonderful OSLC worshipping family who may not regularly attend Sunday School and Bible class to seriously consider furthering their spiritual and biblical education by attending one of our many available classes. We look forward to seeing you, rain or shine!

Our Seasons Vintage Bazaar Hoopla!!

Our Savior Lutheran family will be holding their annual Vintage Bazaar on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 8:00a to 12:30p. Please bring material items to the church Quilters Area and place in marked totes beginning Sunday, September 1 and ending Monday, September 16. Food Items may be brought to the church beginning Friday, September 20 or the morning of September 21 by 7:30a. Handmade Items of ALL kinds!, Antiques, Sweet Rolls, Baked Goods, Candies, Canned Goods, Garden Produce, Jewelry, Books, DVD's, Children's Items/Gifts and Mahlah will be her for a visit!!! This will happen By the Grace of God!! Please check the display in the narthex. These are ideas only! See list above. We are looking for new or nearly new items in good repair plus vintage antique items. THANK YOU!

Lutherans for Life

"We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and treasure to God." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List for September 8 – September 14

Those celebrating a birthday:

Stephanie Gibbs Today
Bartha Parsons Today
Olivia Harms Monday
Caleb Schroeder Friday
Bill Janssen Saturday

Those suffering from cancer:

Sue Benner – *sister-in-law of Doug Benner*
Connie Bruns – *friend of Al & Linda Kellerhals*
Terry Cordes – *friend of Patty Bruens*
Dan Cross – *community member and friend of many*
Levi Cross – *friend of the Flesher & Harms families*
Payton Ens – *acquaintance of Alan & Suzie Smith*
Diane Goldenstein – *OSLC member*
Pat Gorski – *step-mother of Olivia Harms*
Adam Hubner – *grandson of Donald & LaVerne Hubner*
Bruce Johnston – *friend of Patty Bruens*
Brenda Knuth – *mother of Craig Smith*
Shawn Lane – *Milford High School Volleyball Coach*
Ken Lehmann – *brother-in-law of Sheila Selk, Hodgkins Lymphoma*
Dawn Mullen – *niece of Jim & Linda Buhrmester*
Rev. Don Stuckwisch – *Pastor Emeritus of OSLC*
Marsha Thompson – *acquaintance of Beth Smith*
Sue Williamson – *friend of Patty Bruens*
Reg Winters – *friend of Glen & Shelle Franke*

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

Hazel Carter – *health concerns*

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Nate Bushong – *OSLC member, serving with the U.S. Army*
Rachel Fenner - *friend of the Moore family, currently deployed overseas with the U.S. Army*
Alex Janssen – *son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army*
Jay Kindle – *OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy*
Brandon Legan – *member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's Deputy and Milford Police Department*
Scott Muench – *husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer*
Sawyer VanHoveln – *friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, currently deployed in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army*
Kaleb Waldbeser – *friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp*

Those preparing to serve the Lord in the Church:

Seminarian Luke Elowsky – *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO*
Seminarian Timothy Magill, and his wife, Mary – *Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN*

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche - *our "adopted" international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic*