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

Today, we hear how our citizenships in God's kingdom and our nation are united. Ezekiel is called as a watchman to warn his fellow citizens, as are all Christians. St. Paul urges obedience to the ruling authorities (whom we have elected!) and then reminds us that loving each other fulfills God's Law. Jesus teaches us to care for children and to confront those who have given in to temptation. We are called to define sin according to God's Law and subsequently offer His grace and forgiveness according to the Gospel. "The buck," our core responsibility, starts and stops with each one of us.

Serving Today August 23, 2020

Head Usher: Justin Lavicka
Elder: Dean Lingley
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Theta Lee
Sound Board: Rich Rieches
Acolyte: Jossalin Lavicka
Radio Monitors: Patrick and Dawn Teig
Altar Guild: Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef

Sunday Morning Worship August 16, 2020

Worship Attendance: 88
Missions Offerings Received: \$35.00
General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,416.75
Mission Balance YTD (08/02/2020): \$4,710.00

Serving Next Sunday August 30, 2020

Head Usher: Justin Lavicka Elder: Jon Goldenstein Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals Organist at 11a: Theta Lee Sound Board: Neil Rieches Acolyte: Lauren Janssen

Radio Monitors: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm Altar Guild: Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef

☐ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ☐

Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644, sts.1-5



Please stand

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

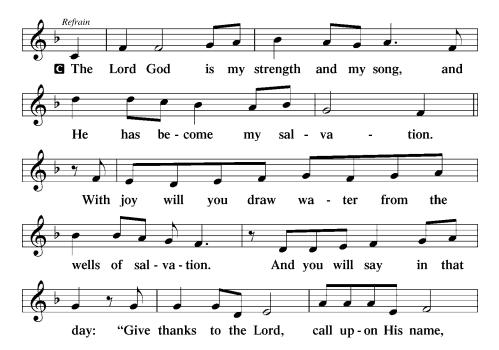
 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

Opening Versicles

- **P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- **P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- **P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- **P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- **C** Your Word is truth.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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

LSB 261







Collect of the Day

- Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-first chapter.

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you: for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke.

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;

but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Psalm 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him

that he might be repaid?"

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

teaches, in his teaching; 8the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\overline{\mathbf{C}}$ Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Built on the Rock"

the Church Built on the Rock shall stand when ven 2 Sure ly tem ples made with hands God, the Most in 3 We God's of liv Built for His are house ing stones, fore 4 Here stands the font be Tell - ing how our eyes, 5 Grant, then, God, Your will be done, That, when the stee ples are fall ing. Crum - bled have spires in High, is not dwell ing; High a bove earth His own hab i ta tion. He through bap - tis mal God has The al - tar Christ's re ceived us. re - calls church bells ring Man - y sav ing are ing, in

LSB 645

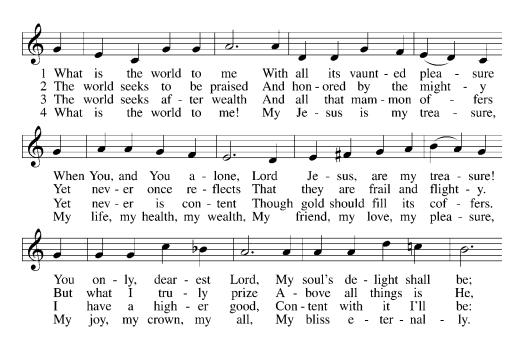


Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"What Is the World to Me"

LSB 730





Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

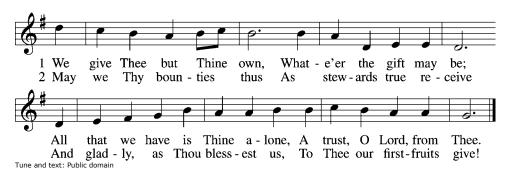
Offering

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.

Offertory Hymn

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"



Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For . . . [additional bids for prayer] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266



Blessing

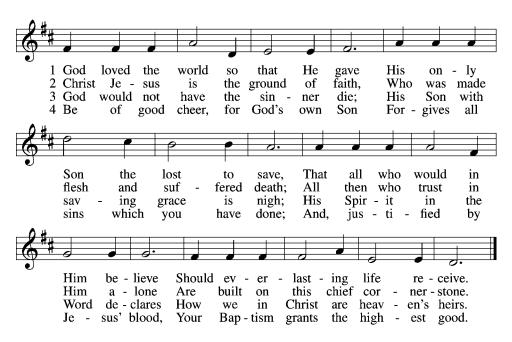
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571



- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (masks required)

11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (masks optional)

Monday: 1:00 pm Comforters

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship (masks required)

11:00 am Worship (masks optional)

Announcements August 23, 2020

August Worship Services

Are you signed up? We will be holding 2 Divine Services throughout the month of August at 9a and 11a. The church office provided a link to sign up to attend or you may sign up at oursaviormilford.com on the Covid-19 tab. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra at 815-867-7407 or by email at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Worship Services for September

Our Savior will continue to offer 2 worship services each week during the month of September. As a reminder, the 9a service requires masks to be worn by everyone and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to with every other pew available and hymnals will not be used. During the 11a service, masks are optional but the social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed. The bathrooms will be accessible by the south stairwell only. We also ask that everyone enters and exits through the south (Jones Street) entrance only. Hand sanitizer will be available in the Narthex and Sanctuary. Clorox wipes and disinfectant spray will be available in the restrooms. The Sanctuary and restrooms will continue to be cleaned weekly. The doorknobs, hand railings and frequently touched areas have been and will continue to be cleaned weekly. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

College Address

As your college student heads off to begin a new chapter in their life, please remember to provide the church office with their new address when they are available, We will include their new address in the monthly newsletters as they arrive. A note or a sweet treat in their mailbox from a familiar face back home can make all the difference to their day. Thank you!!!

Blessing of Students

It's hard to believe that the time to head back to school will soon be upon us! During the Divine Service next Sunday, August 30, 2020 there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children.

Children may bring their school backpack to church that morning, and during the Service the children will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.

Let's send our congregations' youth into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support.

Confirmation Meeting

A <u>mandatory</u> informational meeting for **ALL** Youth Confirmation students **AND** their parents will take place in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, August 30, 2020 from 10:15a - 10:45a.

Pastoral Call Selection

We will hold a Special Congregation Voters' Meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2020, to vote the call selection. Each household will receive a letter from the call committee the first week of September. The letter will include the names of each candidate and a short biography to give you a chance to prayerfully consider the candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Selk.

Dorcas's Famous Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2020!!!

The Dorcas Society / LWML will be holding their annual Our Season's Vintage Bazaar but on a smaller scale – Our Savior Mini Vintage Bazaar!! You will be able to purchase cinnamon rolls and various other treats and items on Sunday, September 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The mini bazaar will be held in the parsonage garage and driveway area. This event is for Our Savior members only. More details to come or feel free to contact Linda Kellerhals and Theta Lee.

Sunday School Classes / Adult Bible Class - September 20, 2020

The Board of Education of Our Savior Lutheran Church would like to announce that Sunday School and Bible Classes will return for the new school year beginning on Sunday, September 20, 2020, from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. A formal letter for parents of Sunday School children explaining the layout of classes and teachers, as well as the guidelines and protocols regarding COVID-19 will be sent out this week. Once letters are received, should you have any questions, please direct them to any Board of Ed member...Brenna Schroeder, Melissa Storm, Brian Neukomm, or Courtney Rieches.

Prayer Partners Needed

Another session of Youth Confirmation is soon to begin and with it comes new students. As we have done in past years, it is our hope to again partner each student with prayer partner. Prayer partners are assigned to students so that they will have someone who will check in with them every so often to see how they are doing and to support them in their journey toward communicant membership. but most importantly, someone to remember them in prayer every day. If you would like to be a prayer partner for one of our confirmands, please contact Pastor Cohen or Kendra.

Prairieview Lutheran Homes Fish Fry – Friday, September 11

Prairieview Lutheran Home will host a drive thru, carry out fish fry on Friday, September 11, 2020, from 11 am – 2 pm and 4pm– 7 pm Each meal will contain 1 Batter-Fried Fish Sandwich, cole slaw, chips, and 2 cookies. Free will donation will be accepted. Picnic Seating will be available under tents and canopies. Masks are required when not eating. Social distancing regulations will be followed. Pumpkins and Mums will be sold in a separate area. There will **not** be a Fall Festival as usual this year. A Pork Chop Dinner and Quilt Auction will be held at a later date. Quilts can be donated at any time. We will have a quilt show for our residents in September with the quilts that have been donated. We are not accepting silent auction items at this time. Call with any questions 815-269-2970.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office at by Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"We run to help people in need; we run to deal with emergencies and crises and the problems of every day; we take the Good News to people we love, family and friends and neighbors alike. But there are also times we can sit—and rejoice that Jesus is risen, that evil is conquered, and that God's victory is certain." *Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

August 23 – August 28

Those celebrating a birthday:

Todd Brassard Friday
Patty Bruens Friday
Brenda St. Peter Friday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Patrick and Dawn Teig Today (23 years)

All those affected by the unrest in their communities

We pray that the peace and love of Jesus would prevail where sinful tension and public unrest has torn communities apart.

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines

Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey

Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens

Connie Bruns - friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals

Jeff Cavitt - friend of many within the community

Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith

Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes

Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms

Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson

Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles

Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner

Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner

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

Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef

Judy Miller -friend of Erica Anderson

Dawn Mullen - niece of Jim and Linda Buhrmester

Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process by which God will provide a new Pastor

Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns

Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns

Cora Armatrout -OSLC member, health concerns

Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles

Marie Burgett - friend of Erica Anderson and Patty Bruens,

Hazel Carter -OSLC member, health concerns

Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, heath concerns

Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues

Rev. Raymond and Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns

Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues

Dorothy Knake - OSLC member, health concerns

Randy Lauterbach – OSLC member, recovering from triple bypass surgery

Pam Menard - sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from auto accident
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Julie Towers – OSLC member, recovering hip surgery
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant
Sharon York – friends of many within the community, recovering from surgery

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

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving 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

Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei our "adopted" international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

