

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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September 13, 2020

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 again God's call to repent, "Turn, and Live!" But this call only bears fruit when we first admit that the sin of which we speak is our own. Deeply imbedded in the fallen sinful nature is the habit of blaming others for our troubles. It started already in the Garden of Eden when Adam blamed God, "the woman YOU gave me," as the cause of his transgression. But true repentance and faith is like a deep and major surgery by which we receive a new heart and a new spirit. God creates in the repentant sinner that new, properly functioning heart and right spirit by means of the broken heart and body of His Son, Jesus Christ. By faith in Him we are able to turn and live the brand new life of holiness and righteousness characterized by joy and love in Christ.

Pre-Service Meditation - "These words have power."

What was it like to know Jesus when He ministered here on earth? Imagine yourself as one of the Twelve who lived alongside Him. How would you react? In today's lesson, Jesus is confronted in the temple.

And when He entered the temple the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" *Matthew 21:23*

It is now Tuesday of Holy Week the controversy surrounding Jesus' authority continues. The Jewish leaders continue to question Him, and He refuses to answer because they cannot answer His question, admitting their inability to discern what is from God and what is not. Their failure disqualifies them as teachers and leaders, and therefore removes their right to question Jesus. If they will not acknowledge that John was sent by God to call them to repentance and to offer them forgiveness, then Jesus cannot tell them of His authority---for it is revealed in His ministry and in His mercy to those who feel their need of mercy. These men refuse to admit their need. These words have power, especially when they paint a picture in the hearer's mind. In this reading, we attempt to draw a lesson from this picture of confrontation. This lesson teaches us to center our faith talk, our words of witness in Christ, and when we do that, the Holy Spirit uses the living and active Word of God to create and increase faith and good works! That's a picture we all want to see!

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Serving Today
September 13, 2020

Head Usher: Doug Benner
Elder: Dean Lingley
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Linda Kellerhals
Sound Board: Dave Lucht
Acolyte: Jossalin Lavicka
Radio Monitors: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder
Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

Sunday Morning Worship
September 6, 2020

Worship Attendance: 73
Missions Offerings Received: \$25.00
General Fund Offerings Received: \$2,748.00
Mission Balance YTD (09/06/2020): \$4,915.00

This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship (masks required)
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Our Season's Mini bazaar in parsonage garage
11:00 am Worship (masks optional)
1:30 pm Call Selection Meeting (masks recommended)

Monday: 1:30 pm Comforters

Wednesday: 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship (masks required)
10:15-10:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class (masks recommended)
11:00 am Worship (masks optional)

✠ Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost ✠

September 13, 2020

Opening Hymn

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

LSB 719



1 I leave all things to God’s di - rec - tion; He loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
3 My God de - sires the soul’s sal - va - tion; My soul He,
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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Please stand

✠ 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 Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten son to die for us have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all ours sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of

Your and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:26, John 1:23

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.

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;

C 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.

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

LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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

Genesis 50:15–21

- P** A reading from Genesis, the fiftieth chapter.

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

LSB 501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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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 \dagger 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.

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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Please stand

Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- P** O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **hear our prayer**

- P** Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful Lord, You have shown great compassion to us; teach us to show such compassion to others, that we may welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation. Help us to serve the refugee seeking safety, and give us opportunity to share Your gifts with those who live in poverty and want. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give the hearers willing ears to hear and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the peoples, and open all nations to the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive Your own Son's body and blood with faith, and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in this communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, You know our weakness of body and soul. Give to the troubled in mind Your peace, to the suffering relief, to the sick healing, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying into everlasting life. Hear us especially for those named in our hearts. *[Brief silence]* Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes and offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

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.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the I Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn of Departure

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,

2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,

△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;

With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us

The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way

And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed

The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Serving Next Sunday

September 20, 2020

Head Usher: Doug Benner

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Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Greeters: Con and Kathy Campbell

Sound Board: Patrick Teig

Acolyte: Lauren Janssen

Radio Monitor: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

Altar Guild: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright

Announcements

September 13, 2020

Focus on the Family

Your Focus on the Family insert is sponsored by the Brian Neukomm family.

Welcome to Our Savior

We will welcome to Our Savior through the waters of baptism in a private service this afternoon, Moses Mason Wittenborn and Ella Jean Witternborn, grandchildren of Shannon Muench and great-grandchildren of Leroy and Sherry Garrelts.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Pastoral Call Selection

We will hold a Special Congregation Voters' Meeting this afternoon at 1:30 pm to vote the call selection. Each household received a letter from the call committee. The letter included 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 Today!!!!

The Dorcas Society / LWML Our Season's Vintage Mini Bazaar is today until 1:00 pm. The mini bazaar will be held in the parsonage garage and driveway area. Join us for a cup of coffee and sweet treat and social distancing fellowship. See you there!!

CID Scholarship Sunday – Today

CID Scholarship Sunday is September 13th. Fourteen undergraduates and nine seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on September 13th using an envelope provided by your congregation, or mail your gift to: Scholarship Sunday Gift, Central Illinois District LC-MS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. You may write a check payable to the "CID Endowment Fund", which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the "CID Scholarship Fund", where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for your support of our future pastors, teachers, and full-time church workers.

September Worship Services

Are you signed up? We will be holding 2 Divine Services throughout the month of September 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 properly (**covering both the nose and the mouth**) 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.

Women's Care Clinic – 2020 Walk for Life

The Women's Care Clinic will hold the 2020 Walk for Life, Shine Like Stars on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 9:00 am in Lincoln Park in Danville IL. If you would like to sponsor Olivia Harms and her team, feel free to contact Olivia Harms. There is additional information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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 next Sunday, September 20, 2020, from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. Parents of Sunday School children received a letter explaining the layout of classes and teachers, as well as the guidelines and protocols regarding COVID-19. If you have any questions, please contact Brenna Schroeder, Melissa Storm, Brian Neukomm, or Courtney Rieches.

Women's Bible Study

Join the ladies of Our Savior on Thursday evenings to study God's Word. We will be studying the Sermon on the Mount through a 9 week course taught by Jen Wilkin. The study will begin Thursday, September 24th at 7pm, these studies will be held at the home of Olivia Harms. Reserve your spot by Sunday, September 13th by contacting Olivia at 815.471.9072 or oharms2010@gmail.com.

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

"When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus. For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

September 13 – September 19

Those celebrating a birthday:

Caleb Schroeder	Today
Bill Janssen	Monday
Lauren Janssen	Tuesday
Kendra Morts	Tuesday
Avery Martinez	Friday
Alan Smith	Saturday

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
Gerald Bohner – friend of Roger and Carolyn Reed
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
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
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
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
Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
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, health 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
Pam Menard - sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from auto accident
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member, 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 – friend of Joyce Williams

**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

