

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

October 21, 2012 - *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*



A Place to Belong

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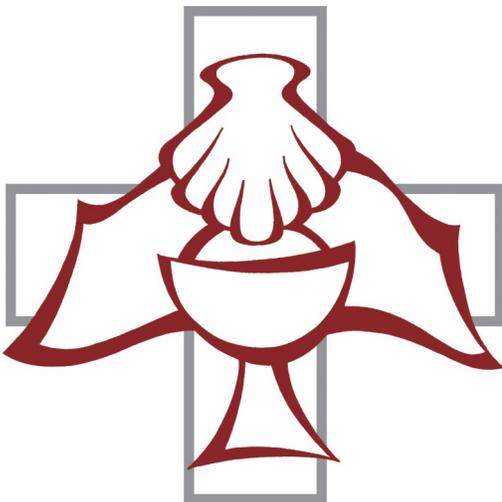
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

- ☞ **Restrooms** are located at the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.
- ☞ **Your children** are always welcome at Our Savior, no matter how much noise they might make. If your little one is having a difficult morning, please feel free to take them into the entrance hallway.



TODAY'S THEME:

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion. This morning, we will hear from God's Word the encouragement that our Savior is our Good Shepherd, who guides, protects, and provides for us. In the joy and comfort of that encouragement, we will hear Caleb Roberson confess his faith.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Father in heaven, on this sacred day I remember the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By his death and resurrection I am forgiven and permitted to come into your presence. Fill my heart with your Spirit as I worship you today. Hear my prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR KRATZ

OPENING HYMN: #599 *Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

L(eader): We begin our worship today in the same way we were baptized: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

Silence for personal confession and reflection

ABSOLUTION

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

"Kyrie" is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest responses in the Christian church.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 13:20-21 (Pg. 1879)

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep who equips us

²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The
Word
of God

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23

Psalm 23

Marty Haugen

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in-to life. _____

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*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Refrain.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your Name. Refrain.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and staff, my comfort and my hope. Refrain.*

*You have set a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. Refrain.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Refrain.*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (Pg. 1889)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Overseer of our souls

¹⁹ For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (Pg. 1666)

Jesus is our Good Shepherd who guides and protects his flock

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

L: The Gospel according to John, chapter 10.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

10 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

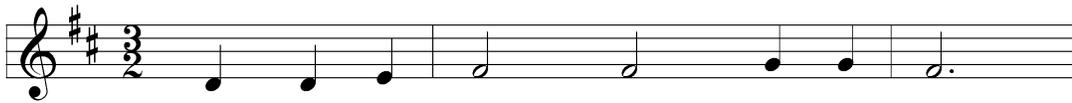
Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

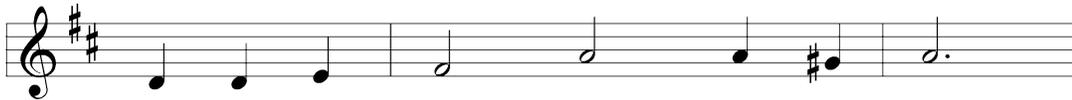
During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #784 O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near

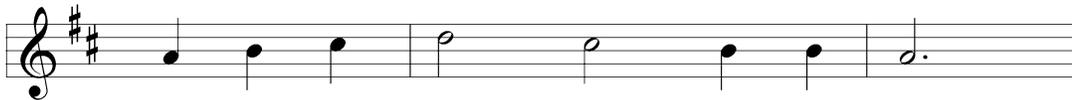
The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.



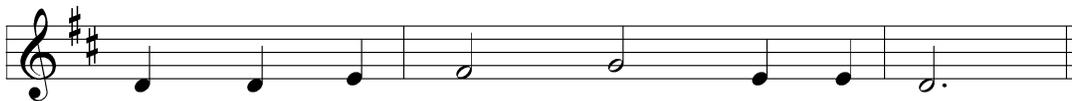
Choir 1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near
Congregation 2 Com - plete the work you have be - gun
Choir 3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile,
Congregation 4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent
Choir 5 O Fa - ther grant that by your grace
Congregation 6 Then robed in white be - fore your throne,



To these, your chil - dren gath - ered here;
In these u - nit - ed to your Son,
From all that would their hearts be - guile,
To you, your Word, and sac - ra - ment.
They may your will each day em - brace,
Your ho - ly saints, by you fore - known—



The Spir - it's gift in them re - new:
For in that pure bap - tis - mal flood
From world - ly ways and Sa - tan's lies,
Oh, make them bold, their faith to share;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Pre - des - tined, called, and jus - ti - fied,



The gift of faith that clings to you.
They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
That they may not your Word de - spise.
And make them strong, their cross to bear.
Till they at death your name con - fess.
Shall, crowned in light, be glo - ri - fied.

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SERMON: *Mark 13:13*

¹³ ...he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

YOUR GOAL IS TO REACH HOME

I. Be alert

II. Listen to instruction

III. Jesus will bring you home

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christian's composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

** The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and earth, of every time in history.*

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

L: Brother in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

L: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: *I do.*

L: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: *I do.*

L: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

R: *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.*

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?

R: *I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R: *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.*

L: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: *I do.*

L: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: *I do.*

L: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: *I do, and I ask God to help me.*

L: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: *I do, and I ask God to help me.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

L: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for Caleb, that God would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in him. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

L: Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Caleb to your Church when he was born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught him your saving truth. Grant that he may offer himself as living sacrifice to you as his spiritual act of worship. Transform him by the renewing of his mind so that he will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help all of us live in love and harmony with one another and to work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**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.**

CONFIRMATION ESSAY

- L: Brother in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have prayed to our heavenly Father about, we now ask him to grant to you.
- L: Caleb Roberson, may the Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of eternal life.
- L: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, (†) and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.



CONFIRMATION CLASS HYMN: #752 *In Christ Alone*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



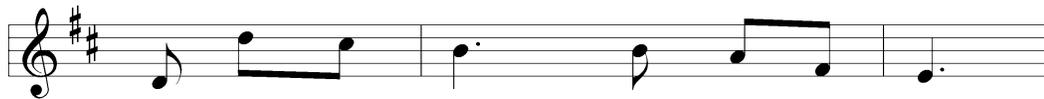
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices "Close Communion" and asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.

PREFACE

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

"Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24-25*

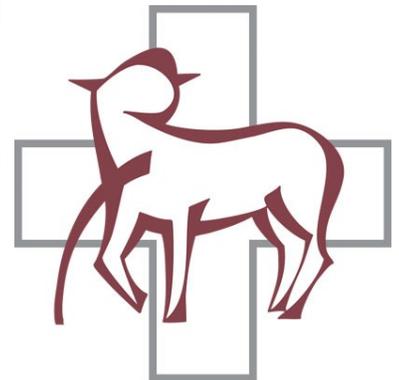
As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Agnus Dei

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



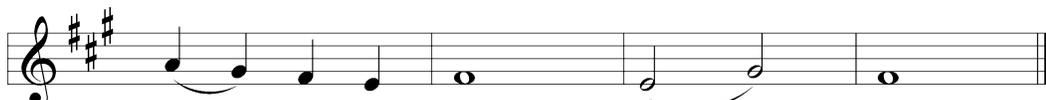
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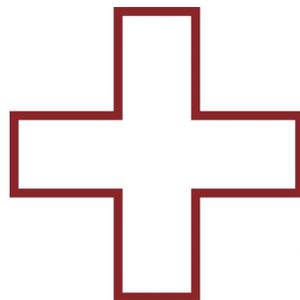
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.



Agnus Dei
LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, Our Savior practices membership communion. We ask that only members of Our Savior come forward to receive the sacrament.

PLEASE STAND

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: #596 *Let Me Be Yours Forever*

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Lord, you have revealed to me the sweet counsel of your Word, the joy shared with fellow Christians, the balm of peace for my soul. Accept the worship of my heart and the praise of my lips. With the complete assurance that my sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, I commend myself into your care now and forever. Amen.



About Our Savior...

Our Savior Lutheran Church is a growing church that serves the southern neighborhoods of Birmingham. We are a Christian church that is looking forward to serving people with God's Word.

Our Savior's message is a wonderful message for you. Our theme is "***A Place to Belong.***" That means that because of our Savior's love for you, you belong to him. You belong to his family. His love will always outweigh the wrongs you have done and the sadness you have had! Our loving God always loves us more.

If you are new to the area or looking for a church home, accept our invitation to meet our pastor and find out more about us. Besides weekly worship, we also offer Bible class to individuals and groups of all ages, Christian counseling, and literature. Please come and worship with us again! Think of this as your community church, and know that you are welcome to join us here anytime.

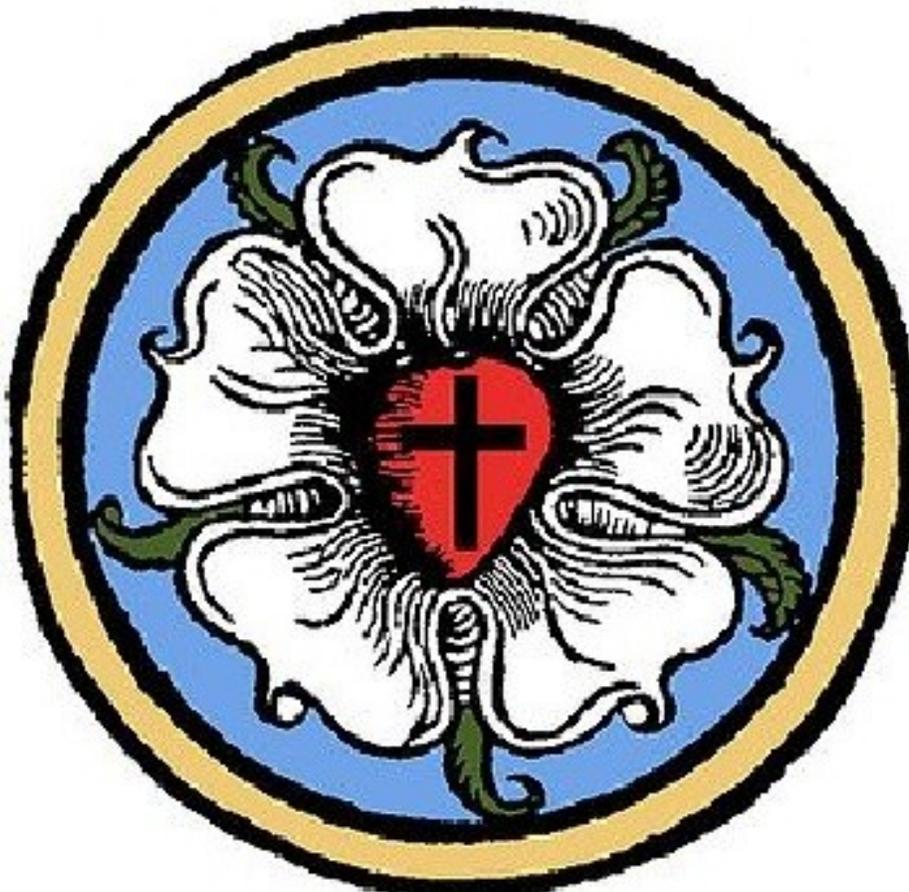
We hope you find Our Savior "A Place to Belong!"



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Announcements

☞ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon!

☞ **Spiritual Growth Opportunities:**

Sunday Bible Class: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* Our Sunday Bible class is working through a study on the relationship between Church and State.

Sunday School: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* Our Sunday school, which uses the award-winning Christ-Light curriculum, offers Bible lessons for children from nursery age through grade 12.

Wednesday Bible Class: *Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.* We are studying the book of Ephesians.

Bible Class for Beginners: *Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.* Don't feel like you know enough about the Bible to attend a regular Bible class? Join us for this class designed especially for you! We will be taking a look at some of the important chapters of the Bible to learn not only the truths of God's Word, but how it all fits together!

☞ **FaithBuilders Class:** People often say the Bible is hard to understand. However, if we understand the four key concepts of the Bible, things become much clearer since we realize every page of the Bible deals with one of the key concepts. Those key concepts are sin, grace, faith, and works. FaithBuilders covers these and other topics to help you gain an understanding of the central message of God's Word: Jesus Christ has saved us from sin and given us new life. FaithBuilders is for people interested in becoming members of Our Savior, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. **Classes are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.**

☞ **Looking to serve?** Were you greeted by a warm smile as you entered the service today? Would you like to bless someone with your smile on an upcoming Sunday, or put yourself to work in other ways make our guests feel welcome? Then why not serve as an usher or greeter next week? For most of these, just show up about 10:00 am and be ready to smile, shake someone's hand or help serve some coffee and snacks. Contact Pastor Kratz at pastor@oursaviorbirmingham.com or 677-8642 for more information about serving opportunities.

☞ **Keep in Your Prayers This Week.** God promises us that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. He also tells us to pray for one another. Hearing God's powerful promises, confidently bring these requests to the throne of our heavenly Father: *(If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Kratz.)*

The families who care for their loved ones, as they quietly bear heavy burdens of love and concern.

Those who have long been absent from hearing the Word. May God bless our efforts to call these fellow members of our family of faith— *I rejoiced with those who said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'.*

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This Week at Our Savior

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	FaithBuilders 7:00 pm				Work Day 9:00 am	Erika Herda's Birthday Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Oktoberfest 11:30 am

Today's Light Bible Reading: Week #104

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	FaithBuilders 7:00 pm		Bible Class for Beginners 7:00 pm			Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am

Today's Light Bible Reading: Week #105

🔗 Upcoming Schedules

- Flowers: 10/28: Benz
 11/4: Don and Shiela Jones (Amanda's Birthday)
 11/11: Don and Shiela Jones (Jeremiah's Birthday)
- Cleaning: November: Family A (Benz/Copeland/DeMasi/Jones/Roberson)
- Nursery / Children's Church: 10/28: Yauney Sikes
 11/4: Miriam Roberson
 11/11: Barbara Burkart
- Lawn Mowing: 10/22-10/28: CHURCH WORK DAY
 10/29-11/4: Roberson
 11/5-11/11: Jung



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