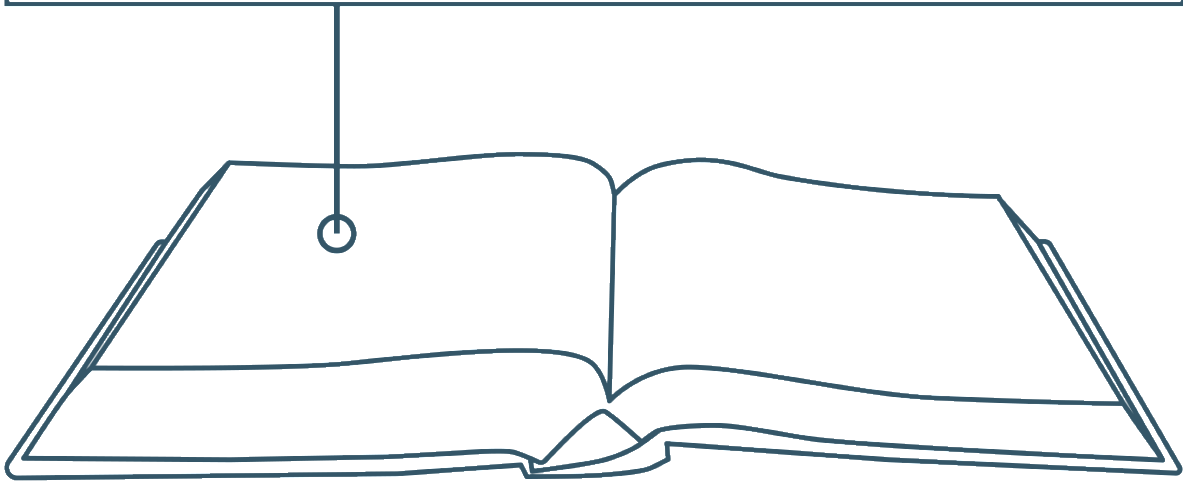


# Define: Christian



THE CHRISTIAN FINDS REST IN JESUS

July 9, 2023



# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**NEW TO OUR SAVIOR?** We are excited that you have joined us for worship today. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. If you need assistance during the service, an usher located in the back will be able to assist you.

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**FAMILIES WITH KIDS:** We think it is important for families to worship together regularly. We know that occasionally, kids are going to have a rough morning. If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS** give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for today's service. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

**AN OFFERING** will be gathered during our worship service today. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated or compelled to participate. If you would like to give an offering that supports the ministry work at Our Savior, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:

- (1) place your offering into the offering plate,
- (2) you can scan this QR code to take you to our secure, online giving site where you can give via credit card or ACH transfer.





**BATHROOMS** are located at the far end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary. There is a changing station located in Room 3 (Nursery).


**FREE WIFI** is available if you use an online Bible or Bible app on your phone or tablet. Look for the "OSLC-Guest" connection to get online!


**AN AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)** is located in the fellowship hall, in the corner nearest the front door.

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In our next worship series Christ himself defines the term Christian and describes what Christians do. We will be struck by how often we do not do all those things. There likely are times when people could look at our behavior and assume we were unbelievers. Yet throughout this series Jesus will demonstrate that ultimately a Christian is one who runs to Christ for forgiveness precisely because he has failed to live like what he is—a Christian. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to better fit Christ’s beautiful definition, doing all the things Jesus says that Christians do.

## The Christian Finds Rest in Jesus

Without rest, we suffer. Studies show that after 36 hours without sleep, most people will experience extreme fatigue and hormonal imbalances, resulting in decreased attention, poor decisions, and even speech impairment. Other studies show if someone takes no breaks during their workday, their productivity is lower than those who do take periodic breaks. We need rest.

Christians know they need more than sleep or breaks. We need more than physical rest. We need spiritual rest. The Christian knows that the only place to find that type of rest is Jesus. Jesus provides more than a pause in work, more than enjoyable recreation. Jesus provides the removal of our sins, the cleansing of our guilty conscience, and a gentle new yoke of discipleship. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Accompanist: Mrs. Betsy Moenedick

Service Leader: Pastor Ben Kratz



# The Service

Hymn

833 I Run to Christ

*Stand*

## Invocation

*This comes from the latin “invoco” which describes the act of calling upon or asking for help or support. As we begin our worship, we call on the name of the triune God, who is our ever-present help and strength and in whose name we were baptized. The sign of the cross then reminds worshipers of their baptisms.*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Confession

*Our God is a holy God, and we are unholy sinners. Before we meet our God, our status before him must change – or he would destroy us. We confess our sins, trusting God’s promise to forgive us (See 1 John 1:9). Our Lord wants to forgive our sins. He sent Jesus to make us “at one” (atonement) with God by dying on the cross for our sins. The pastor makes the sign of the cross to remind us we are forgiven only because Jesus died on the cross.*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

*The expression “Lord have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church. It is also known by its Greek name, “Kyrie, eleison.” “Kyrie” is the Greek word for “Lord,” “eleison” for “have mercy.”*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Glory to God in the Highest** *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Purified of our sin, we respond with a song of praise, based on the angel’s song at Jesus’ birth. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to". The third staff continues with "God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,". The fourth staff concludes with "and peace to his peo - ple on earth." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
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## The Word

*This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other – that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God’s Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God’s Word with power.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Prayer of the Day

*Following an ancient outline, the prayer of the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.*

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

The Lord gives Moses spiritual rest by promising that his Presence will go with Israel and allowing Moses to see a glimpse of his glory

*The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God's mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.*

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 62

The Church sings psalm 62 in services that emphasize the rest we find in Jesus, not in anything that we ourselves accomplish or endure.

*The Psalm is the most ancient part of our worship service. While most of our liturgy is 1,800 years old, Jews have been singing Psalms in worship for 3,000 years.*



1 For God a - lone I wait in si - lence.  
2 Put not your hope in gain of rich - es;  
3 Pour out your heart to God our ref - uge



My soul is still be - fore the Lord. He is my rock  
seek not your rest in emp - ty wealth. The rich are weak;  
and trust in him to hear your cry. No oth - er hope



and my sal - va - tion, my for - tress strong; I trust in him.  
the poor are might - y who turn to God a - lone for help.  
will nev - er fail you, no oth - er love will not run dry.

## Refrain



I'll not be shak - en, I'll not be shak - en, for all my



hope is in his love. From God a - lone comes my sal -



va - tion; I'll wait and trust his stead-fast love.



love; I'll wait and trust his stead-fast love.

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## Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25

Jesus Christ gives spiritual rest to the one who wants to do what is good yet cannot carry it out

*The Second Reading of Scripture is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

**Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to come  
to him for rest

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.*

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup>“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

**706 Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

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





*Stand*

## **Creed** *Credo*

*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.*

### **NICENE CREED**

**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 truly 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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

*In the prayer of the Church, we pray for those in our congregation and for the needs and struggles of God's people around the world.*

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [*Especially bless . . .*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Offering

*Our offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us, which we heard about in the readings and sermon. They are to be given on a regular basis and be the first fruits of what we receive. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

# The Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*The preface—words of dialogue between the pastor and the congregation—are some of the oldest in the Christian liturgy, dating back to 200 AD. They serve as a transition from the part of the service centered on the Word to the part centered on the meal that Christ instituted.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

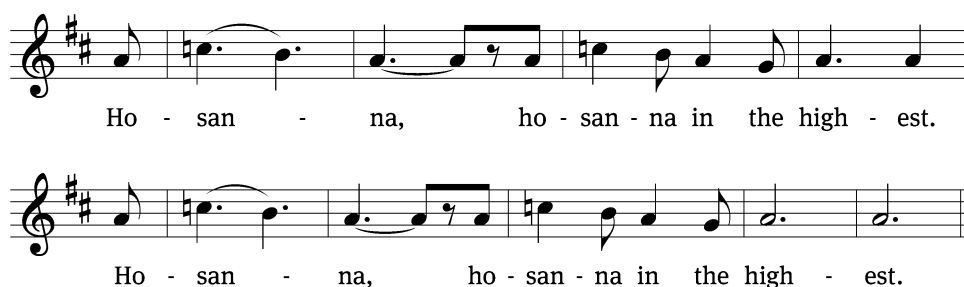
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

*Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century. It incorporates elements of Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. It is also known as the “Sanctus,” which means “holy.”*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.





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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." See Matthew 26:26.*

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you---the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*In this prayer, we pray to "Our Father in heaven," reminding us that we are God's chosen and dearly loved children.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister 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.

The pastor proclaims peace to the people through the Pax Domini (Latin for "peace of the Lord"). Again, the worshipers receive absolution and assurance that God's presence and peace are with them through the Sacrament.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

The *Agnus Dei* is the last of the liturgical canticles. Its Latin title simply means "Lamb of God." Believers approach the altar of God by the sacrificial substitute who died in our place. We join with the cry of John the Baptist to the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world and grants us mercy and peace. The Christian Church has sung this text before communion for more than thirteen centuries.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

*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. **Our Savior Lutheran Church asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.***

*There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 295 in the blue hymnal.*

## Hymn

## 814 Just as I am, Without One Plea

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us 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.

**Amen.**

The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

**Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

## Blessing

*This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).*

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.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## 818 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

*Be seated*



# THE NEWS @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of July 9, 2023

## NEW WORSHIP SERIES: DEFINE CHRISTIAN

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- July 16 – The Christian Is Planted by the Word
- July 23 – The Christian Lives as Wheat among Weeds
- July 30 – The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth
- August 6 – The Christian Trusts God to Provide
- August 13 – The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith

## OUR SAVIOR KIDS MINISTRY - ALL CLASSES NOW AT 9 AM!

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to help your children grow in their faith? Look no further than Our Savior’s Kids!

Our kid’s ministry is designed specifically for children, with age-appropriate lessons and activities that will help them develop a deeper understanding of God’s love, their Savior Jesus, and his plan for their lives. Our team of experienced and passionate leaders are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment where children can learn and grow together.

We invite you and your kids to join us and experience the joy of learning and growing together in community. Come see for yourself why our kids ministry is the perfect place for your child to thrive!

**Our Savior’s Kids—Preschool & Elementary - Sundays at 9:00 am**

## Acknowledgments

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# THIS WEEK @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of July 9, 2023

Sunday	10:15 am	Worship Service
Sunday	11:30 am	Discussion on Pastor's Kratz's Call to St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Monday	7:00 pm	Holy Spirit Bible Class ( <i>online</i> )
Tuesday	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch Out
Friday	11:30 am	Men's Lunch
Saturday	1:00 pm	Family Outing to Hooligan's Family Fun
Sunday (7/16)	9:00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Class / Our Savior Kids (Preschool & Elementary)
Sunday (7/16)	10:15 am	Worship Service

## SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Usher:

Greeter:

Church Family: Clean: Boyce-Sauer/Cheek/Densmore/Hudd/Kratz/Panell/Smith  
 Snacks: Adams/Cox/Morris

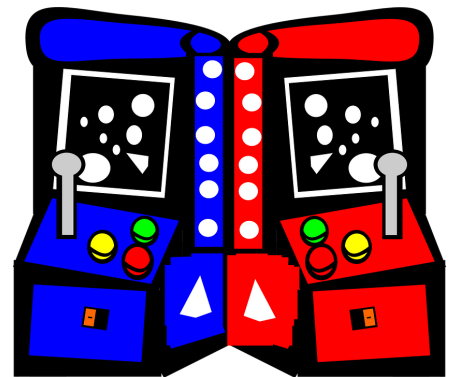
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## SUMMER YOUTH / FAMILY OUTINGS

There are two fun youth/family outings planned for this summer.

This Saturday, July 15th, we will try out **Hooligans Family Fun** in Alabaster. For \$12/person, kids and grown-up kids can play over 100 arcade games and pinball tables, and all games are on FREE PLAY! We will plan on meeting at Hooligans at 1 pm.

Hooligans Family Fun  
 519 1st St SW, Alabaster, AL 35007  
<https://hooligansfamilyfun.com/>  
 All Day Pass: \$12



We will have a **cookout and nerf gun war** at church on Friday, July 28th at 6pm. We have 1000 nerf darts—so bring your nerf gun and get ready for a great evening of family fun. There will not only a variety of nerf gun games, but a movie on the big screen in the fellowship area as well. Brats will be provided as well as beverages. You can bring a side or dessert to share. (The grills will be available if you didn't want to have a brat and wanted to bring something else to grill).



# ABOUT US

## OUR MISSION

Our Savior Lutheran Church was established in 1969 as a mission church in Birmingham, AL. Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

## OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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## LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE!



## OUR MINISTRY

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am  
Sunday Online Worship: 10:15 am on Facebook and Youtube  
Bible Classes: held online and in-person throughout the year  
Our Savior's Kids Ministry: online year-round

## OUR PASTOR

Pastor Ben Kratz  
Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com  
(205) 478-6843

## OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Savior Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have sister congregations serving the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and over 25 countries through world missions. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

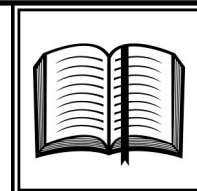


# Personal Worship Notes for Kids

What is the name of the church season or special day? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today?  Blue  White  Purple  Red  Green

The sermon was based on these Bible verses: \_\_\_\_\_



This is in the  Old Testament  New Testament

What was the sermon about?

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My Favorite Song was:



Did we have a sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes  
 No



Communion?

- Yes  
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

1) What did God tell you about himself?

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2) What did God tell you about yourself?

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3) What did God tell you to believe?

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4) What did God tell you to do?

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