

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, September 25, 2022 †



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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10:45 Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

P When we struggle in life, what are the words of God that give us courage?

C "You shall be my treasured possession."

P When we cannot depend on even our dearest friends, what are the words of God that we cling to?

C "You shall be my treasured possession."

P In the midst of our sin and rebellion, what are God's words that bring us back under God's care?

C "You shall be my treasured possession."

P As God's treasured possession, then,
C come, let us worship the Lord!

GATHERING SONG: 10,000 Reasons

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P "The earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence." There is goodness in people and in the world, but what God saw long ago, God certainly sees today. Let us take a moment in silence to consider the vast difference between ideal and reality concerning how God intends that we live with one another and God's good creation.

Silence

P God who calls us to yourself,

C you tell us not to bow down to and worship other gods. In so many ways, however, we give our allegiance not to you, our Creator, but to people and things. We even demand that others bend the knee to us. Forgive us, O God, and help us to find our way back to you.

P God who calls us into fellowship with sisters and brothers,

C you tell us to love one another as we love ourselves. Yet we too often find ourselves not loving one another, but competing with, dominating, or ignoring your children. Forgive us, O God, and save us from selfishness as you turn us in love toward our neighbor.

P God who calls us to love the earth as you do,

C you tell us to be good and faithful stewards of your creation, that the earth may live in peace and your people may flourish. We confess that it is our tendency to take and use whatever we want, giving little thought to how our avarice and inattention will affect your good creation, your children, and future generations. Forgive us, O God, and for the sake of your creation, help us to be good and kind and thoughtful stewards.

P Even in the depth of our sin, God established an everlasting covenant with us and with creation itself. God sent Jesus into this world to reestablish and renew that covenant. So, as a called and ordained minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in obedience to his command and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, and I invite you to turn to God, love one another, and care for God's good creation. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

SONG: Blest are They

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Mia HaNi Bryngelson

Pastor: Baptism is God's gift. It is a tangible sign of God's boundless love for us. Through this gift we are given new life; no longer defined by the powers of sin and death, we are free to see ourselves and our neighbors as children of God.

By these waters we are united with all the baptized, flowing together into one body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ. Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mia baptized into Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: As you bring Mia for baptism, God is entrusting you with some responsibilities; to foster a relationship between her and God's faithful people, give her the gift of God's word, teach her to celebrate the Lord's supper, and nurture her in faith and prayer as you grow in your own faith so that Mia may learn to trust God's love for her and show forth Christ's love for others and God's whole creation, pursuing justice and peace for all. Do you promise to help Mia grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: People of God, we are all drawn together in new life through the waters of baptism. As we celebrate Mia's baptism, I encourage you to take this opportunity to reaffirm your own baptismal promises as we pledge our support for our new sister. Will you be the body of Christ with and for this child and her family, create relationships with them, supporting them, challenging them, and nurturing their growth in faith as they celebrate and live out this new life in Christ?

Congregation: We will.

Pastor: Saying "yes" to God's gift of baptism means saying "no" to the powers of sin and death that stand against the will of God. Do you renounce the powers of sin, evil, and all the forces that separate us from God, our neighbors, and creation?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Pastor: Congregation, please join us as we confess our faith.

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastor: Mia HaNi Bryngelson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Mia HaNi Bryngelson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked by the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Pastor: This candle, lit from the paschal candle, represents the light of Christ that now shines forth from Mia. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome Mia into this congregation.

Congregation: Welcome to the body of Christ! Together we will seek to be in healthy relationships with God, all people everywhere, and creation itself. We promise to walk with you through your life of faith as we discover together what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ here and now.

Thanks be to God.

READING

Genesis 39:1-23

Read by Deb Morris

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking.

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in

to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Pastor Craig Hanson

SONG: In Christ Alone

Psalm 105

P O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

C Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

P Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

C Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

P Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

C O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

P He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.

**C He is mindful of his covenant for ever,
of the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

RECONCILIATION

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

COMING OUT OF COVID:COMMUNITY EDUCATION

OFFERING

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

P God who supplies us with our every need,

**C you tell us this; "in you all the families of the
earth shall be blessed." As we return to your use
what you have first given to us, we ask that these
your gifts may be a blessing to your children and
your world. Amen.**

JESUS' WORDS OF INVITATION

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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. Save us from the time of trial. And
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

Grape Juice and Gluten Free wafers are available in
addition to wine and regular wafers.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P God of goodness,

**C like the Israelites of old, we dream only of food
that would simply keep us alive from one day to
the next. We give you thanks that in this Holy**

**Communion, the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ, you far surpass our expectations by
feeding us instead with love, forgiveness, and life
everlasting. May these gifts strengthen us to be
your people in the world.**

Amen

CARE TEAM COMMISSIONING

BLESSING

P "[The rainbow] is the sign of the covenant that I
make between me and you and every living creature
that is with you, for all future generations. When I
bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the
clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting
covenant between God and every living creature of all
flesh that is on the earth. You are my treasured
possession."

C Amen

SENDING SONG: Your Grace Is Enough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Coffee Fellowship

Thank you to the Worship Music and Arts Committee for the wonderful treats and coffee after services this past Sunday.

This morning, Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Youth Ministry team.

Please be in touch with the front office (apizzella@oursaviorsonline.org) if you or your group would like to host on a Sunday. We can have cookies on hand for you or you can buy your own to be reimbursed.

Remember to attend the "other" worship

Going forward, please make a commitment to attend once a month the worship time you don't generally attend. Developing relationships between our 8:45 and 10:45 worshippers will enhance our life together as the body of Christ and will make us a more effective presence in our community.

Seasonal "Decorator" Needed

For many years now, Jennifer Rauner (and often her girls) has been taking care of the seasonal change of colors in Our Savior's Sanctuary. So, when we go from red to green to blue to white to purple, it's been Jennifer. She has also been behind the seasonal decorating for Christmas, Easter, etc. Sadly, the Rauners have moved to Chisago City, which means they will be joining a church closer to their new home. We deeply appreciate Jennifer's commitment over the years, and we are now needing someone to take her place. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for a family, as kids can help with the altar and pulpit paraments (the "drapes" over the front of both) and the banners on the back wall. Please contact Pastor Steve (ssylvester@oursaviorsonline.org) or the front office (apizzella@oursaviorsonline.org) if you are interested in helping out!

Online Giving

Convenient way to give online—

Scan the QR code below

(with your cellphone camera)

You will be taken to our online giving site.

Select :

- amount
- Frequency, start date if recurring
- fund to contribute to
- provide some account details

Once you give the first time, your account should be set up and you can text to give using your cell phone or scan QR code.

Any questions? Ask Amy in the office.



CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY

Confirmation Registration for 2022– 2023

Confirmation registration has taken place. If you still need to register please do so as soon as possible. Confirmation is a three year ministry program starting in the 7th grade.

Registration packets are in the Narthex or outside of Nick's office or online under forms.

The first confirmation workshop is on **October 2nd**.

SALT Retreat

Our 19th annual SALT retreat will be on **October 7-9**. This is a time for fellowship, training, and team building for this year's High School SALT Team. We will be traveling to The Shores of St. Andrew in New London, MN. We are leaving at 6:00pm on Friday and returning around 5:00 pm on Sunday.

Registration forms are available outside of Nick's office or online.



**Now accepting registrations for Fall of
2022**

**Noah's Ark Preschool
and**

Before and After School Childcare

Faith on Friday

Calling all 6th graders!!! Want to have fun with your classmates and get to know Jesus a little better? Join us for faith on Friday this year. Faith on Friday meets one Friday a month immediately after school and is a program just for 6th grade. We engage in some Bible study and then do a fun event like swimming at the Shoreview Community Center, Winter Olympics, and service at the Centennial Area Food Shelf. For more information contact Nick. The first Friday is Sept. 23. Registration is available online and in the office.

Want to volunteer for Community Education?

Contact Cori Sendle
Director of Community
Education

763-792-6101

csendle@isd12.org

CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY

J.A.M. SINGERS

(Jesus and Me)



KID'S CHOIR IS BACK!

All kids in Kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to join. The former Celebration Singers and Cherub Choir will combine to make one children's choir.

Come learn new songs, meet new friends, and share your gift of music on

Sunday mornings. The choir sings at worship approximately one time a month. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays beginning September 28. Rehearsal time TBA.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex or can be completed online.

Please note: Depending on numbers of kids there is a possibility of reverting back to two choirs.

For more information please call Joy Rauner at 763 234-8131.

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Starts

September 28th

J.A.M. is a four-part, mid-week program for 3rd-5th grade students on Wednesday nights, right after school until 7:15 pm.

Registration is online at www.oursaviorsonline.org

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Draheim at ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org



Sunday School Registration

Sunday School is for kids from 3 years old through grade 5 and is held at 10:45am.

Sign up online or use the link below.

Questions?

Want to volunteer as a teacher, sub, or assistant?

Email Danielle Draheim at ddraheim@oursaviorsonline.org

Care Team Ministry

RETURNING MEMBERS:

Ruel Carpenter
Tom Douville
Kathy Holliday-Jech
Sandy Kurkowski
Marge Otte
Lynn Rossiter
Richard Rossiter
Mary Sandstrom
Chris Stjern
Larry Swenson
Sarah Yohannan

NEW MEMBERS - Joined 2022:

Sharon Dornfeld
Cindy Ellenwood
Keralyn Groff
Kerry Gustafson
Tomi Mclellan
Alison Pasiuk

DEPARTING MEMBERS:

Marianne Erlien (moving to Planning Council)
Helen Paul - after having served since 2011, one of the "founding leaders" of OSLC Care Team Ministry.

OSLC Staff

NOTE: you can reach our onsite staff by calling 763-784-1971 and entering their extension # noted below by the "x".

Lead Pastor,

Stephen Sylvester x1004

Pastor for Seniors,

Craig Hanson x1006

Director of Contemporary Music,

Ellie Lehn x1011

Finance,

Christine Ventrelli x1002

Office Manager,

Amy Pizzella x1001 (main voicemail)

CYF Associates,

Children's Ministry Danielle Draheim, x1009

Youth Ministry Nick Gilbert, x1007

Director of Children's Choirs,

Joy Rauner 763-234-8131

Director of Hand Bells, Kristen Genet

OSLC Funeral Coordinators, Joy Rauner and Pat Feine

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Individual staff schedules vary, please make appointment for specific needs