



Understand
what the will
of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:17, ESV

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- * If you are sick, do not come.
- * You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.

Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

As We Gather

God's Word teaches us that there's a way to live life so that when death comes, we are prepared, not in dread. Sinners like ourselves can only be truly ready for that day because of God's gift to us, the death of His only Son for our transgressions. This grace of forgiveness and new life brings with it purpose and meaning so that we do not live our lives randomly for frivolous things. St. Paul described it as a lifestyle of living wisely, making the most of the time. The same purpose and meaning of life for a Christian, and the need to live for God is summarized in a prayer, penned by Moses, found in Psalm 90: "So teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." This is wisdom from God which teaches us that life, which is short, is to be lived for Him, and that only faith in Christ and living in Him can rightly help us accept our own death as a beautiful welcoming home.



Serving Today

Elder of the Week

Shirley Lodes

Organist

Nancy Brock

Altar Care

Kathy Warren

Ushers

TBD

Money Counters

Greg Bond

Tere Bond

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ready to Live—Ready to Die

September 19, 2021

Prelude

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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✠ Word ✠

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 90:1–12

- ¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵You sweep them away as with a flood*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15–20

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Holy Gospel

John 3:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but

in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

Greeting

Song In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Sermon *Christian Death—Not a Dreaded Fear but a Welcoming Home*
Ron Horn, Elder

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Vs. 1-2 sung by John Deards
Vs. 3 Congregation*

*1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!*

- 2 *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.*
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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Postlude

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**This Week's Calendar
September 19, 2021**

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class Gospel of John Bible Study Courtyard Bible Study
	10:00 A.M.	Sanctuary Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship
Monday	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	9:15 A.M.	Tai-Chi
Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:15 A.M.	Tai-Chi
	5:45 P.M.	Dinner
	6:30 P.M.	Songs of Celebration
	6:45 P.M.	Bible Teaching for All Ages
Thursday	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Next Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class Gospel of John Bible Study
	10:00 A.M.	Sanctuary Worship w/Lord's Supper Courtyard Bible Study w/Lord's Supper
	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship



**Serving Next Week
September 26, 2021**

Elder on Duty	Janie Hlinicky
Altar Care	Kathy Warren
Ushers	TBD
Money Counters	Kay McDaniel & Mary Lou Kline



"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Mark 9:24

Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith—as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

We Celebrate This Week:

The Birthdays of:

Sep 19 Bobby Fox • Chance O'Steen
Sep 20 Gloria Weiss
Sep 21 Phyllis Burkhart • Gary Rohwer • Kathy Warren
Sep 24 Bob Seitz



The Anniversaries of:

Sep 22 Robin & Shari Stepanek

Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need

Delores Withers, recovering from surgery.

Pastor Henschel, broken sternum from auto accident.

Gloria, co-worker of Pat Rodriguez, death of her husband and aunt.

Julie Meyer, chemotherapy for lymphoma.

Tammy, Linda May's daughter, stroke.

Family of Jeff Hart, Samantha Stepanek's father, passed away from Covid.



Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

Prayers for Worldwide Church

China: Please pray for China that the Lord of the Church would cause what the Communist Party is trying to do for evil into something good. The CCP is a) Making its own Marxist translation of the Bible b) Making it illegal for churches to hold Sunday School (they call it brain washing) c) Forcing above ground churches to sing communist songs in their worship services and now d) Asking Elementary Age School children to report any Bibles or "foreign" books, movies, etc. they see to party leaders. Pray that the Church in China may grow in spite of persecution, and that future generations will hear the Gospel against their government's orders.

Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV
Nathan Hiegel

Jennifer Clark
Cole Morris

Kyle Freeman
Kyle Taylor

Jonathan Krepel
Timothy Thomas