

BUT EXHORT ONE ANOTHER  
EVERY DAY  
AS LONG AS IT IS CALLED  
"TODAY,"  
THAT NONE OF YOU BE  
HARDENED BY THE  
DECEITFULNESS OF SIN.  
-HEBREWS 3:13

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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.*

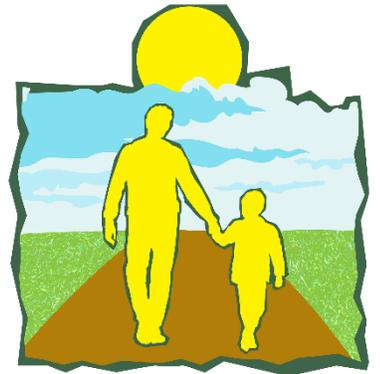
As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- \* 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

When we read the Old Testament, we often scratch our heads and wonder at how it was possible for people who had received so much good from God to so quickly desert Him. They literally walked away from the truth of His goodness and grace, even though it was right in front of their eyes. As a result, their detour from God's calling led them down the broken road. That broken road is all too familiar to sinners, like us. I suppose others might scratch their heads after examining our lives, and wonder how **we** could choose the broken road. Scripture warns us against hardening our hearts. Scripture also reminds us that God is calling people by His Holy Spirit. Heeding that calling of God leads us back from our broken roads to experience His healing grace. Our return from the broken road, and our attentiveness to God's voice means that we have heard and responded to the calling of God upon our lives. That calling is still here for us, "Today", as Scripture says. It is the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is the calling of God upon our lives.



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## Serving Today

### Elder of the Week

Shari Stepanek

### Organist

Nancy Brock

### Altar Care

Patti Casey

Emmalee Williamson

### Ushers

TBD

### Money Counters

Robin Stepanek

Shari Stepanek

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Returning from the Broken Road of the Hard Heart

October 10, 2021

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

**Song Medley**

## **TOSB 66 Great Is The Lord**

Great is the Lord He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord And worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord  
Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great are You Lord And worthy of glory  
Great are You Lord And worthy of praise  
Great are You Lord  
I lift up my voice

# I lift up my voice Great are You Lord

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## TOSB 26 Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way Lord Have Thine own way  
Thou art the Potter I am the clay  
Mould me and make me After Thy will  
While I am waiting Yielded and still

Have Thine own way Lord Have Thine own way  
Search me and try me Master today  
Whiter than snow Lord Wash me just now  
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow

Have Thine own way Lord Have Thine own way  
Wounded and weary Help me I pray  
Power all power Surely is Thine  
Touch me and heal me Savior divine

Have Thine own way Lord Have Thine own way  
Hold o'er my being Absolute sway  
Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see  
Christ only always Living in me

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## ✠ Word ✠

### Epistle

*Hebrews 3:1, 3, 5–17, 19*

*(A warning against the danger of evils in life)*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

<sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

<sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

<sup>8</sup>do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup>where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works <sup>10</sup>for forty years.

Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’

<sup>11</sup>As I swore in my wrath,

‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

<sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

<sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:17–22*

*(Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

- P** As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him,
- C** “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- P** And Jesus said to him,
- C** “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’”
- P** And he said to him,
- C** “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.”
- P** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him,
- C** “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”
- P** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

## Greeting



## TOSB 46 For Those Tears I Died

You said You'd come And share all my sorrows  
You said You'd be there For all my tomorrows  
I came so close to sending You away  
But just like You promised You came here to stay  
I just had to pray

### Chorus

And Jesus said  
Come to the water Stand by My side  
I know you are thirsty You won't be denied  
I felt ev'ry teardrop When in darkness you cried  
And I strove to remind you That for those tears I died

Your goodness so great I can't understand  
And dear Lord I know That all this was planned  
I know You're here now And always will be  
Your love loosed my chains And in You I'm free  
But Jesus why me [*chorus*]

Jesus I give You My heart and my soul  
I know that without God I'd never be whole  
Savior You opened All the right doors  
And I thank You and praise You From earth's humble shores  
Take me I'm Yours

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**Sermon** *Returning from the Broken Road of the Hard Heart—  
Hebrews Chapter 3*

### 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.)*

## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

*sts. 1-3, 5-6*



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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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** And now may God, Whose unparalleled and timely grace which heals those who have traveled the broken road, may this God Whose faithfulness to the imperfect and sacrificial love for the wayward never quits, may His calling upon your life fill you with the most amazing peace.

**C** Amen.

## 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

*sts. 1–2, 4*



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

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## Postlude

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**Attendance Last Week**

Early Worship Attendance	48
Courtyard Worship Attendance	—
Sunday School Attendance	26

**Treasurer's Report (Oct. 3, 2021)**

General Fund (Offerings)	\$3,925.00
Audio-Visual	\$ 54.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 73.22
Roof Loan	\$ 170.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$4,222.22</b>

**This Week's Calendar****October 10, 2021**

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

**Serving Next Week****October 17, 2021**

<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Shirley Lodes
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Tere Bond
<b>Altar Care</b>	Patti Casey & Emmalee Williamson
<b>Money Counters</b>	Greg & Tere Bond



**Altar Flowers** are given today to the glory of God by Pastor Gary in celebration of Grace's birthday.



*“And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Hebrews 3:18-19*

Unbelief leads to disobedience—that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

**LCOS Fall Fellowship Night**  
**Wednesday, October 27**  
**5:45 pm—7:30 pm**

**Food—Witness Pumpkins—Bingo—Songs**



Please come join us to celebrate Jesus and the change of season. The kids and youth of Our Savior will be providing a corn dog meal for a fundraising activity for camps and other events. Pumpkins will be available to decorate or bring your own. Invite your friends and family to join us for a fun evening.

*I will never leave you nor forsake you. Hebrews 13:5*

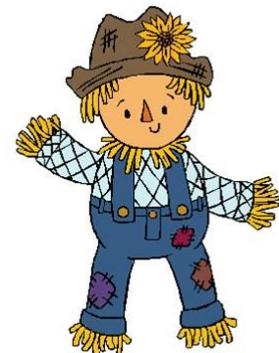


**Community Drive-Thru Dinner**  
**Lutheran Church of Our Savior**  
 6501 NW 23rd Street, Bethany  
**Saturday, October 23rd**  
 3:00—5:30 p.m.

**What’s for Dinner?**

Bratwurst/Hot Dogs, Potato Salad,  
 Sauerkraut, and Brownie

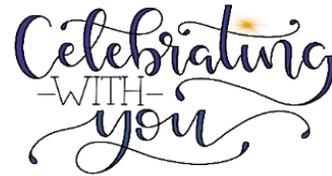
Our church would like to bless you with a free meal—a Drive-thru dinner, carefully sanitized with social distancing observed. Please walk or drive to our parking lot to pick up your meal.



## We Celebrate This Week:

### The Birthdays of:

Oct 11 Brian Crain • Holly Ogle •  
Grace Rohwer • Arlo Weible  
Oct 13 Adriana Guerra



### The Anniversaries of:

*No Known Anniversaries This Week*

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**

Craig Cooper, *safe travel to St. Louis.*

Lynn “Hawk” Hawkins, *friend of Janie Hlinicky, coping with cancer.*

Family of Bill Richardson, *friend of Karen Bishop’s sister, who passed away.*

Janet Patterson, *chemotherapy treatments.*

Chelsea Mosel, *thanksgiving for the birth of daughter, EmmaLynn Renee.*

Margot Olea, *health issues.*



### **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