

"There will be more
JOY IN HEAVEN
over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who need no repentance."

LUKE 15:7, ESV



Lutheran Church of Our Savior

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joy Over Each Lost One Who's Found

September 11, 2022

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.

Serving Today

Elder of the Week

Tom Freeman

Altar Care

Kathy Warren

Ushers

June Gompf

Linda May

Organist

Nancy Brock

Money Counters

Brad Bomhoff

Anna Bomhoff

As We Gather

When you've lost an item, and especially something that is valuable or very important for you, everyone knows it. There is a look of consternation on your face. You look all around. You turn your house or car upside down, trying to locate the missing item. It's a serious matter, and you don't give up quickly. You keep searching. When it comes to any of us being spiritually lost in your lives, we typically have been unaware. We acted as though everything was fine, although it wasn't. Without Christ and a relationship with Him, we were lost, and in serious trouble, but honestly, we may not have realized it. The Bible tells us that at such seasons of our lives, the Lord was seriously searching for His lost ones. Isn't it touching to think that God is so personal, so caring, and so committed that He never gave up on us. He continued to search until He found us!



Prelude

PREPARATION

Welcome

Freely Freely

- 1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Chorus

He said freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

- 2 All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to (CHORUS)

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Responsive Reading *(based on Isaiah 12)*

- P** I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me,
your anger was turned away, that You might comfort me.
- C** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the
LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my
salvation.
- P** With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- C** Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds
among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
- A**ll Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made
known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, give us boldness and courage to bring our prayers and needs to you, with the assurance that You care for us as individuals. In your wisdom and goodness, grant us those things that are good for this life, and that will lead us safely to the life to come; for You live with and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-24

(God will personally search for His sheep.)

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered

them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:5-17

(Christ Jesus came to the world to save sinners.)

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus Lover of My Soul (Martyn)

1 Jesus Lover of my soul Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior hide Till the storm of life is past
Safe into the haven guide Oh receive my soul at last

- 2 Other refuge have I none Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
 Leave ah leave me not alone Still support and comfort me
 All my trust on Thee is stayed All my help from Thee I bring
 Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing
- 3 Thou O Christ art all I want More than all in Thee I find
 Raise the fallen cheer the faint Heal the sick and lead the blind
 Just and holy is Thy name I am all unrighteousness
 False and full of sin I am Thou art full of truth and grace
- 4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found Grace to cover all my sin
 Let the healing streams abound Make and keep me pure within
 Thou of life the Fountain art Freely let me take of Thee
 Spring Thou up within my heart Rise to all eternity

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Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

- P** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].
 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying,
- C** **“This man receives sinners and eats with them.”**
- P** So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them,
- C** **‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’**
- P** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying,
- C** **‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’**
- All** **Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

Catechism

☐ 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Greeting

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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Sermon *Just that Valuable*

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.)

Offertory

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

**☐ 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

☐ 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.

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

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“And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Luke 15:2

Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can't help but follow.

**This Week's Calendar
September 11, 2022**

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship
Monday	9:00 A.M.	Life Line Screening [by appt. only]
	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
Wednesday	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
Thursday	1:00 P.M.	READ Book Club
	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Next Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper

**Serving Next Week
September 18, 2022**

Elder on Duty	Rex Rorabaugh
Ushers	Greg & Tere Bond
Money Counters	Janie Hlinicky & Jan Kyle
Altar Care	Kathy Warren

Attendance Last Week

Sunday's Worship Attendance	53
Sunday School Attendance	13



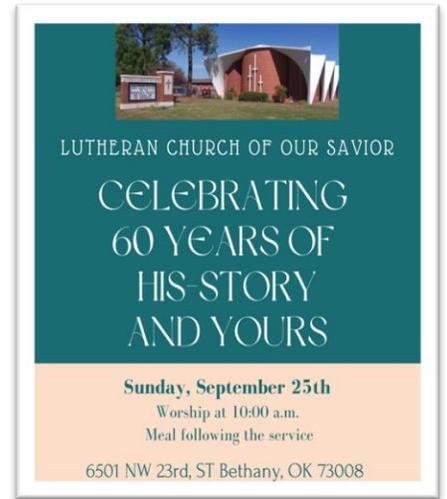
Treasurer's Report (September 4, 2022)
(Needed Weekly for Gen. Fund \$4,184.85)

General Fund (Offerings)	\$3,359.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 890.00
Roof Loan	\$ 5.00
Total Received	\$4,254.00

Church Pictorial Directory Thank you for those who have been taking and sending pictures recently. We have several more to go but we are making progress. A digital picture from your phone emailed to secretary@oursaviorokc.org works great. If you have any questions, contact Delores in the office (405) 495-1605.



60th Anniversary News Celebrating our 60th here at LCOS behooves us to look towards the future, but also invites us to remember our past. You could say that we have been a “Neighborhood Church” all these years, and still are. Our ministry touches our immediate community, and always has. That impact came through our school. But it also has taken place through Sunday School and VBS. In fact, recently I have met 4 people living within 3 blocks who shared with me their fond memories of coming to Sunday School, or attending VBS. They have good memories of our church and have visited us recently or have talked about doing so. So, as we celebrate our past, we thank the Lord that He has used our church to touch many lives with His word.



ROC Food Pantry In conjunction with our church's 60th anniversary, we are collecting 60 cases (which is a box of 24 individual packages) of Ramen Noodles which will be donated to the ROC Food Pantry. Please bring your donation to church by Sunday, September 25th. Thank you.



New Church Banners It has been a couple of years since we purchased a new banner for the sanctuary. Banners add so much to the worship service with their beauty. If anyone is interested in purchasing a banner or donating funds to go towards the purchase of a new banner, please contact Shelly Michael or Shari Stepanek. We are hoping to order for one of these seasons: Ascension, Pentecost, or Holy Trinity. You can also go to www.christiansbanners.com and explore the many banners they have.

Birthdays This Week:

Sep 11 Barrett Jackson
 Sep 14 Loree Thompson



Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Bank
 Saturday, October 15, 2022
 9:00 – 12 noon

RSVP by Oct 1st
 Vivian Stehr, Coordinator at
 Zion Lutheran (OKC)
 (405) 642-5445



Holiday Pies

Featuring

Rosalie Seebeck



Pie Crust Tips & Technique Workshop

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

6501 NW 23rd ST

November 5, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Participants are to bring:

9" Pie Plate, Pastry Mat, and Rolling Pin

Cost \$25 which covers the cost of all ingredients and one finished crust per participant. To register mail a check payable to LCOS along with your name, address, phone number(s), and email address to:

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
6501 NW 23 ST
Bethany, OK 73008

Class size limited! Deadline to register is October 28th. Call (405) 495-1605 for further information.

Pie and coffee will be served following class instruction.

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MOVING FORWARD
Luncheon

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FROM 11:30AM-1:00PM

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MARILYN OLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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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

Gloria Michael	health and well being	Member
Carla Dixon	recovering from stroke	Member
Maria Villarreal	recovery from surgery	Sister, Pat Rodriguez

Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

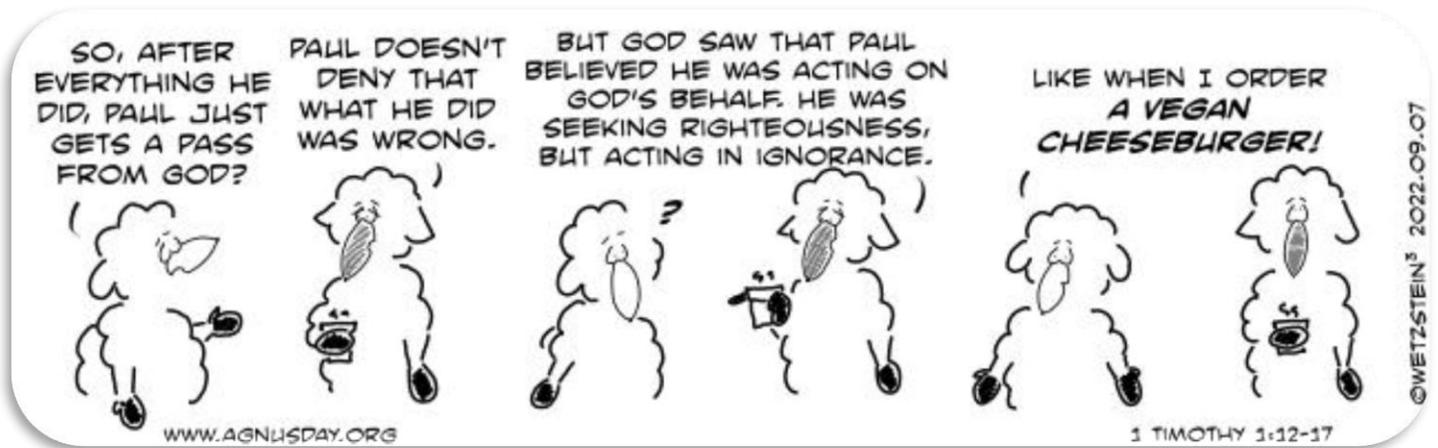
Rev. Dwayne Schroeder and family at the death of his father, Marvin.



Pray for our shut-ins and homebound
Pray for those affected by Covid or Flu
Pray for those coping with cancer
Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership
Pray for our government officials and first responders
Prayers for Worldwide Church

Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Pena	Joey Pena	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Cole Morris	Kyle Taylor
Timothy Thomas			



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