

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship**  
**Faith Formation 5:30 PM Wednesdays**

Pastor Gary Grinvalds

Organist: Alice Meints or Sandy Eltiste

**Introduction to the day**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

\*Please Stand  
Congregational responses in **bold** print

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.**

**We ignore our neighbors.**

**We exploit the earth.**

**We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

✙ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**Amen.**

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

\*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked,

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You set free those who are bound.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You raise up those whose courage falters.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You provide for our every need.

**Accept our grateful praises.**

You have called us from all peoples.

**We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

You bless your people with peace.

**We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**For in your wisdom you have formed us.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand



1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye  
 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;  
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;  
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?



to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.  
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
 When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

## FIRST LESSON: JOB 19:23-27A

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 17:1-9

Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

## SECOND LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

<sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDRENS SERMON

## **\*GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR GARY GRINVALDS**



## There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all;"  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **OFFERING**

## \*OFFERTORY

Sing verse 1 only

### We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

## \*THE PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*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.

## **\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**Amen.**

## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's Christmas Program

December 7 at 6 PM

Donations of bars and cookies are welcome

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>—A benefit is being held for Tanner Schmidt from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at American Lutheran Church in Filley. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The Church dinner was a huge success!! A big Thank You to all who helped—all ages showed up—can't thank you enough! Profit was just over \$2,000!! Best ever. We had a \$250 Thrivent donation, thanks to Dorothy E. Elaine

A big thank you to the confirmation kids who helped set up and take down tables and chairs for our dinner. Shirley

Our Faith Formation kids are filling Christmas shoe boxes with age appropriate gifts for children through Samaritan Purse. We are taking donations for shipping the boxes (\$10 per box) overseas. Thank you for showing the kids your support. You are welcome to pick up a shoe box and fill it too!!

The visitation schedule with Pastor is outside his office. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for a visit.

If you have not filled out a member information form (on the table in the entryway) or provided a picture for the directory, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Erin at [emsaathoff03@gmail.com](mailto:emsaathoff03@gmail.com) or (402) 239-9117.

Upcoming Community coffees are as follows:

November 13—John Deines, Edward Jones at Park Lodge

November 20—Boujee Boutique (across from Heritage Inn)

November 27—Community Center (sponsored by  
Laughlin-Hoevet Funeral Home)

December 5—Wymore Library

## **Remembered in Our Prayers:**

Kent Hohensee

Kathleen Remmers

Kai Spann

George Henrichs is now at the Good Samaritan Society. If you would like to go see him or send him a card, the address is:

Good Samaritan Society  
Willow Creek, Room 104  
401 So. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Beatrice, NE 68310

Pastor Gary: Phone: (402) 658-2253

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## **Your Council leaders are:**

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Chavonn Mailahn (308) 214-0039

Josh Schmidt (402) 520-0950

Church Account Balance: 10/31/2025: \$57,537.16

Church Offerings: 11/02/2025: \$ 2,911.00

Attendance 11/02/2025: 65

Please have any announcements for the bulletin to Pam by Wednesday noon each week. You may text or call her at (402) 239-2715 or send an email to the church at [oursaviorslutheranwymore@gmail.com](mailto:oursaviorslutheranwymore@gmail.com). Thank you.