

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Time after Pentecost

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Lord, Your Hands Have Formed"

#554

1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by
2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,
3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and

you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:
too. Sprout - ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the
you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the

each day's signs that you make all things new.
sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
tru - est sign that you make all things new.

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Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

- Quiet reflection -

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says YAHWEH Omnipotent:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am YAHWEH .

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I YAHWEH have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

All - Refrain; Cantor - Verses



At the works of your hands I sing for joy; at the works of your hands I sing.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-9, 16-17

A reading from 2nd Corinthians.

So we are always confident;
even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from God —
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with God.
So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please God.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The holy gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said,
“The reign of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow,
they do not know how.
The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.
But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Jesus also said,
“With what can we compare the reign of God, or what parable will we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;
yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;
he did not speak to them except in parables,
but explained everything in private to the disciples.

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Little By Little”

Swing 8ths Bret Hesla

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo/style is 'Swing 8ths'. The score includes a chorus and verses. The chorus lyrics are: 'Lit-tle by lit-tle by lit - tle. Lit-tle by lit-tle by lit - tle.' The verses lyrics are: 'Lit - tle by lit - tle by lit-tle, I know the ti - ni - est seeds will grow.' Chord symbols G, C, D7, and G are placed above the staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Verses (melody same as chorus):

Growing in cracks and crevices.... (x 3) ... we are ev’rywhere.

Verses continue on next page.

Working with all of each other ... (x 3) ... we are not alone.
Habits of peace and justice ... (x 3) ... tools to change the world.
The Spirit is present among us ... (x 3) ... we are filled with power.

Prayers of the People (*Each petition will conclude with, "Gracious God, in your mercy" and the congregation responds, "you hear our prayer."*)

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The people greet each other with some sign of peace: "Peace be with you.")

Gathering Our Gifts

Offertory

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

#680

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| 1 We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain. | 2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. |
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Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so: san - to es el Se - ñor.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
- Ho san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on earth
Blest the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.
Blest the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence.

**Our Mother, 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Distribution

You are invited to share bread and wine or crackers and juice or whatever you have collected for a common meal. As you share and eat, please use these or similar words, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you," until we feast together as the entire body of Christ.

Song during Distribution

"In the Singing"

#466

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.' The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes.

Blessing

Prayer

Post Communion Canticle

"This Lovely Food"

This love - ly food, these love - ly peo - ple, —
this love - ly ci - ty, — this love - ly earth.
There is no space left in our hearts for all our gra - ti - tude.
It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our lives.
It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our life to - geth - er. —

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are: 'This love - ly food, these love - ly peo - ple, — this love - ly ci - ty, — this love - ly earth. There is no space left in our hearts for all our gra - ti - tude. It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our lives. It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our life to - geth - er. —'. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes.

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

In honor of Elton Claussen:

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Blessing

Sending Song

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

#680

3 We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Laurie Eaton
Reader/Organ:	Sheryll Mennicke
Assisting:	Amy Blumenshine, Mike Troutman
Accompanist:	Tom Witt
Cantor:	Liza Johnson
Camera:	Craig Johnson

Weekly at Our Saviour's

Sundays

10:30am **Online Worship on Facebook**
11:30am **Online Coffee Hour on Zoom**
See Weekly Update or website for Log-in.

Tuesdays

12:30-2pm Staff Meeting on Zoom

Wednesdays

10:15-12pm Weekly Bible Study on Zoom
6:30pm Wednesday Firepit Prayers

2nd Saturday of the Month

10:00am Property Committee Meeting and Clean Up

First Friday of the Month

7:00am Men's Breakfast at Butter Bakery and Café
Socially Distanced at Butter weather permitting
Always on Zoom- Check in with Dan Swenson-Klatt

**Announcements will be located in the
Our Saviour's Weekly Update email**

**Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our
and on our Facebook page.**

Electronic & Online Giving Options

With the worship being brought online and the office being closed and staff working remotely, the best way to keep up with your pledge is to do so through your Smartphone or online.

Online Giving

- Use our [online authorization form](#).
- Please note: if your donation is charged to your credit card, OSLC does not get the entire amount; Vanco takes a fee from your donation. For Amex cards the fee is 3.5% +.45 a transaction – all other cards are 2.75% +.45 a transaction. No fee apply if you have your pledge taken from a checking account by providing a routing number and account number.

Give Plus App

- Download the app from free from the App Store or Google Play.
- When you open GivePlus for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church. As you type, usually a list will appear; select “Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church” from the list. After you select a church, it automatically becomes your “home” or “default” church, and will be displayed the next time you open the app.
- Set up an account. Enter your email address (this becomes your user name) and create a password. Choose how you prefer to login in: Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password. An email will be sent to you to verify your email address. Click on the link sent to you via email.
- Choose what information to store. Most credit cards are accepted. You can also use a checking or savings account. Use your phone’s camera to scan your information from your credit card or enter it manually.
- Enter the amount you wish to give, indicate which fund you want it to go to, and choose whether it is a one-time donation or a recurring one. Enter it and confirm that your contribution is correct. That’s it!

Texting a Donation

- Send a text to **612-503-5971**
- Enter the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: **\$25**.
- You’ll receive a text with a link to register.
- Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information.
- Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- The next time, you won’t need to enter card info. Just text the amount you wish to give. To add a card, or change your information, simply text “edit” to the number.

QR code

- Use your phone camera and point it to the QR below. Click on the bubble that comes up to be sent to the contribution page. Follow the instructions to make your contribution.





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*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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