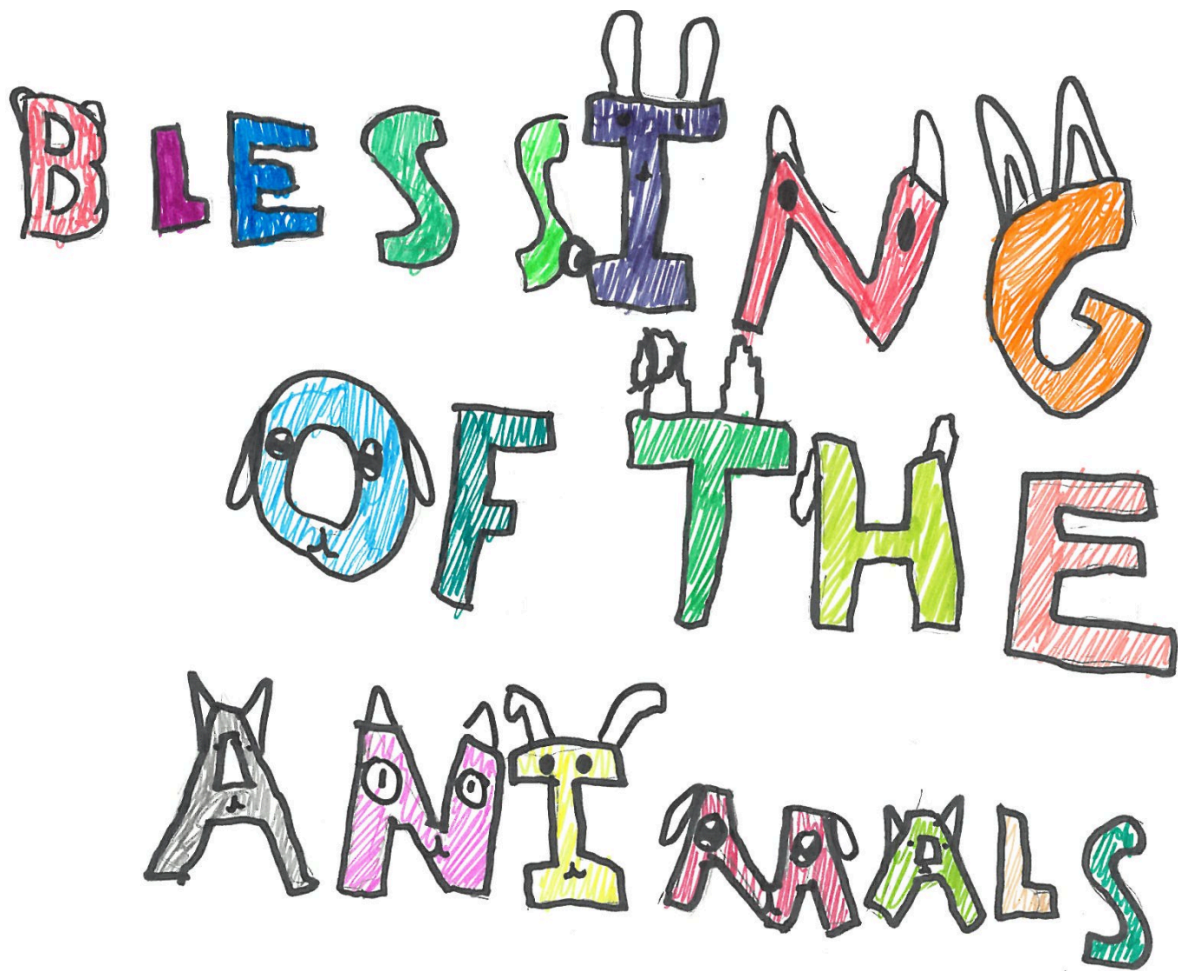


Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 5th, 2025

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table. **Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation and Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission of the month: Daily Work

Daily Work partners with immigrants, refugees, and others facing barriers to employment. Through one-to-one, relationship-based support, job seekers gain not only work, but also stability in housing, transportation, digital access, and more. With Our Saviour's continued support, Daily Work can continue to rise to this moment, building capacity, meeting urgent challenges, and opening the door for more job seekers to thrive.

Online giving - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



Blessing of the Animals and Plants

We gather today in the spirit of St. Francis, who embraced radical simplicity and called creatures 'siblings,' and St. Hildegard of Bingen, who saw God's vitality in every living thing and made medicines from plants. Today, we bless our animal and plant companions, and we sing praise for all of the wonders God has made.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Litany of Repentance and Longing

The first section of this litany is from the writings of St. Hildegard.

Spirit of fire,
Paraclete, Our comforter,
You're the *Live in alive*,
The *Be* in every creature's *being*,
The *Breathe* in every *breath* on earth.

We confess that we have not always honored
The life, being and breath of our creaturely kin.
Forgive us, Great Creator.

We lament the ways the earth community
Has been destroyed by human pollution,
By our violence and greed.
Hear our cries for healing, Divine Comforter.

We long for fresh insight and strength
As we seek to partner with you
In tending and keeping your creation.
Renew us, God of Life! Make us instruments of Your peace. Amen

***Opening Hymn “All Creatures Worship God Most High” (vs 1-3) #835**

*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.

First Reading

Creation

from the Spark Story Bible

Psalm 8 *All – Refrain; Reader - Verses*



Second Reading

Job 12: 7-10

- ⁷ “But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know
that the hand of God has done this?
¹⁰ In God’s hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every being.



*Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:27-31

- ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from God. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Special Musical Selection

"One Family"

R. M. Fergus



Blessing the Animals and Plants, Living and Stuffed

There will be several stations in the sanctuary. Please go to one of the stations. You will be invited to share briefly about a plant or animal that you are in relationship with and extend a blessing to those beloved creations.

When you are led, you may say this blessing together as those nearby lay hands on the creature or extend a gesture of blessing:

For a living animal or plant, present or pictured:

Animal/Plant's name, you are precious to God. May God fill you with life, guide your human partners, and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

For stuffed animals:

We honor Stuffed animal's name. May God bless this sign of love to Name of child. May it be a reminder of God's comfort and care for Name of child always. Amen.

***Hymn of the Day**

"Place in the Choir"

Refrain:

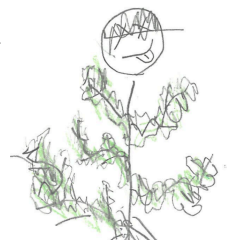
All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
Some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

1. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo'
The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
Where the honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls

Refrain

2. Well, listen to the top where the little birds sing
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees
Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks and he's on his way
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to herself

Refrain



3. It's a simple song, a living song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above
The sly racoon and the turtle dove. **Refrain**

*Prayers of the People

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: "Peace be with you."

Gathering our Gifts

OSLC Choir

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: oursavioursmpls.org.

*Offertory

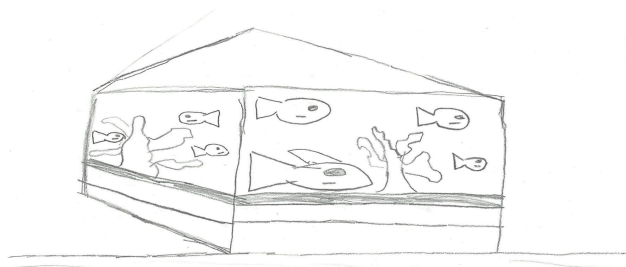
Refrain

Peo - ple, give thanks, give thanks to God with your

whole heart. Peo - ple, give thanks, give

thanks to God with your whole heart.

*Offertory Prayer



***The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.

***The Prayer of Jesus**

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

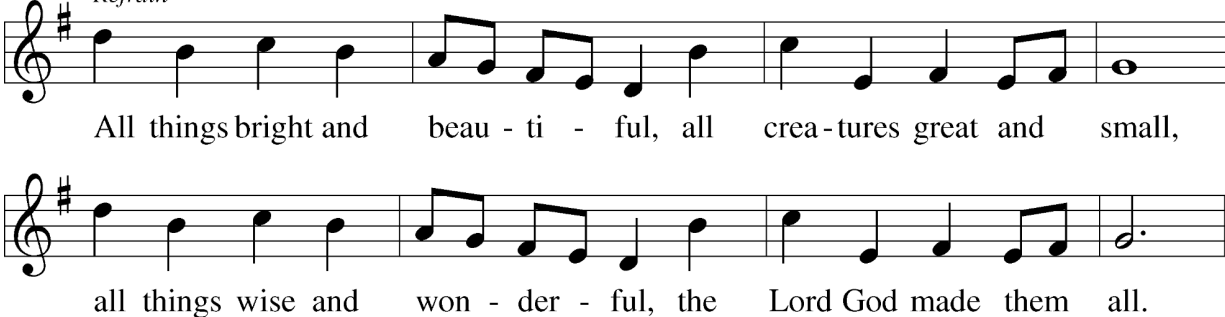
All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.



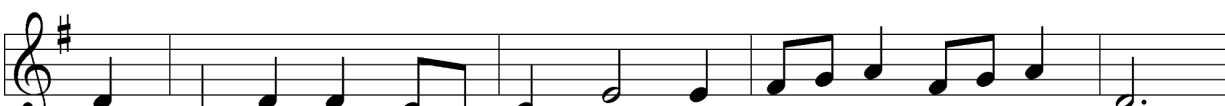
All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

“Where There is Hatred”

Bret Hesla

1. Where there is hatred 3x
Let me sow love. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Oh God, let me sow love. 3x
Let me sow love

Where there is hatred
Let me sow love.

2. Where there is sorrow, let me sow joy. 3x
Let me sow joy. *Refrain*
3. Where there's oppression. 3x
Let me sow freedom. *Refrain*

You shall love others
of the land as you love your
own kind

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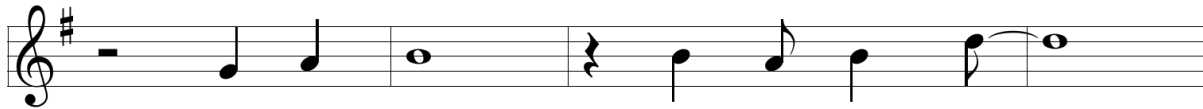
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“Be With Us Now”

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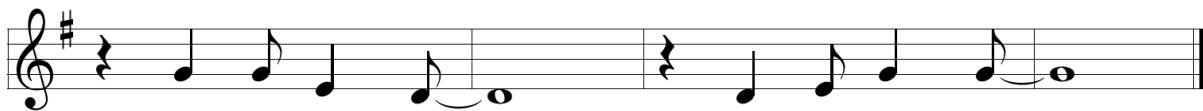
1 God of earth and ev - 'ry crea - ture,
 2 God who moves a - cross the wa - ter,
 3 God who grieves the death of na - ture,
 4 God who weaves each gold - en sun - set,



God of wind and God of sky,
 God who moves a - cross all time,
 God who grieves this poi - soned land,
 God who weaves the web of life,



God of old and new cre - a - tion,
 God who moves with - in my walk - ing,
 God who grieves at our in - dif - f'rence,
 God who weaves us all to - geth - er,



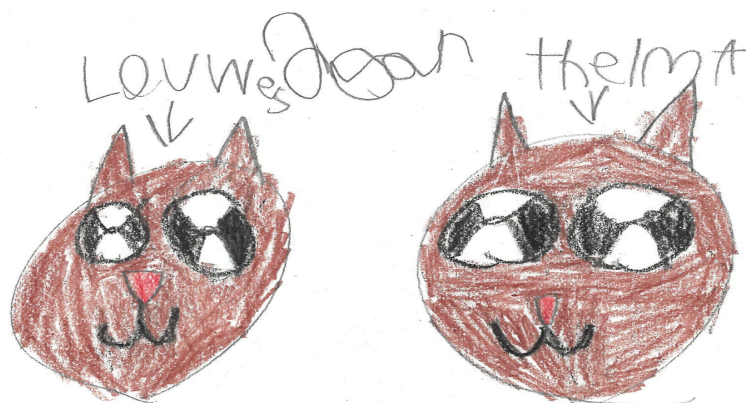
be with us now, be with us now.

5 God whose reign is ever budding,
 God whose will is our delight,
 God whose pow'r is invitation,
 be with us now, be with us now.

6 God who calls us to be mindful,
 God who calls us to make peace,
 God who calls us to be healers,
 be with us now, be with us now.

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***Blessing**



Sending

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

God Welcomes All

*Benediction

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace

*Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Love and serve God! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell & Esther Sianipar
Blessing:	3rd & 4th graders
Prayers:	1st & 2nd graders
Special Music:	Youth & OSLC Choir
Readers:	1st, 2nd, 5th, & 6th graders, Clara Owens
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Bulletin Art:	OSLC Youth
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, October 8

8:30AM-9:30AM, DABS

10:15AM, Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM, Community Meal

6:15PM, Youth Choir

7PM, Choir

Saturday, October 11

10AM-Noon, Property Work Day

Sunday, October 12

9AM, Adult Forum TBD

Interested in becoming a member of OSLC?

Fall new member Sunday is November 23

Are you interested in becoming a member of OSLC? Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors. We will receive and bless new members on November 23, Reign of Christ Sunday.

Leading up to November 23, get to know OSLC:

- **After church on October 12, join a lunch with the pastors, members, and other new folks.** We'll get to know each other, share a little about the congregation, and answer your questions about membership.
- **On October 26, our 9am forum will be all about OSLC ministries.** This will be a great time to get to know some of the ministries of the congregation and some of our partners. Then after church we'll share in a potluck.
- **We will pair new members with a 'sponsor,'** a current member who you'll get to know and who will be part of blessing you on new member Sunday.



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centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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