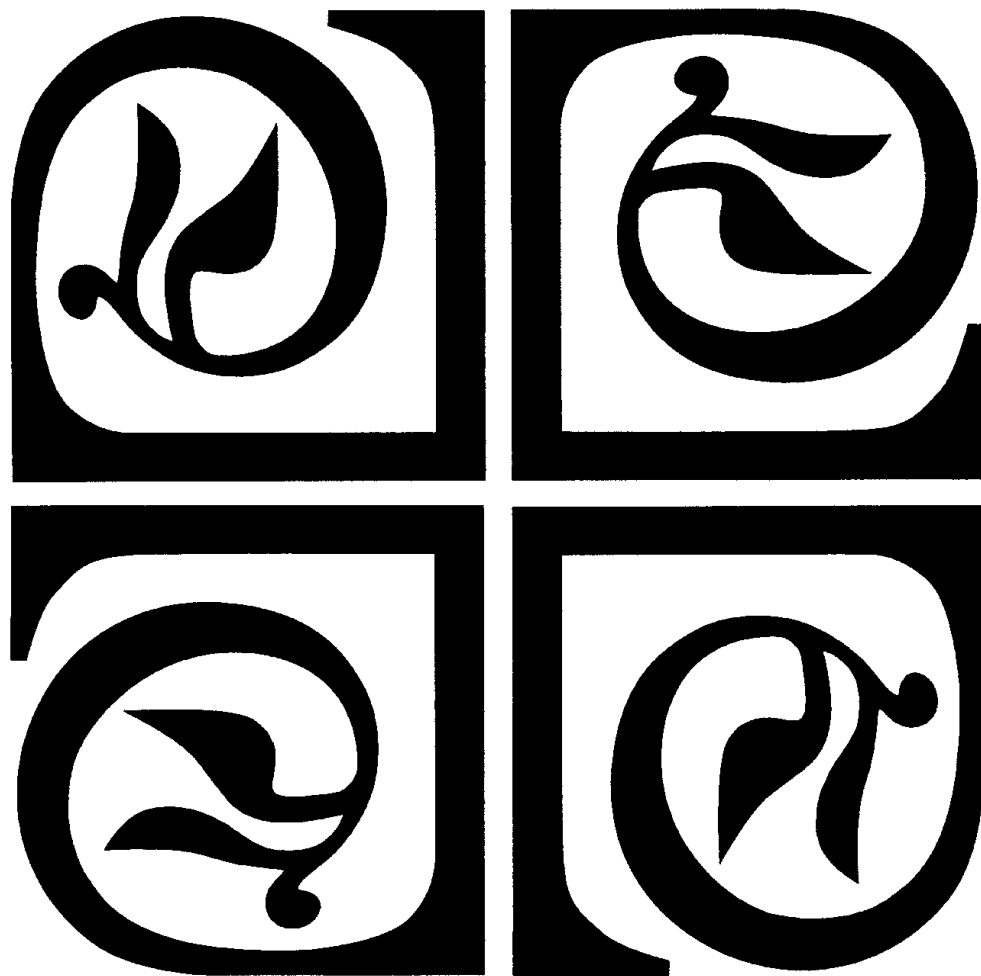


Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 20th, 2026
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

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.

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. 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 behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. 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: English Learning Center

The English Learning Center (ELC) provides free, culturally sensitive English language education to immigrants and refugees, on the lower level of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. As a program of Our Saviour's Community Services, the ELC is open year-round and operates without waitlists. We strive to meet adult learners where they are at by offering several levels of English classes at two different times each day, both online and in-person, taught by trained volunteers. Your giving this month supports the ELC in providing immigrants and refugees with low-barrier English classes and continue helping our students reach their goals in the Twin Cities.

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



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Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music *I'm Gonna Love You Anyway*

Call me names, say I'm crazy,
Put me down, say I'm lazy.
I'm gonna love me anyway.
I'm gonna love you anyway.

It's not what you call me, it's what I answer to.
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I'm gonna love me anyway.
I'm gonna love you anyway.

*Opening Hymn *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning* *TFF 166*

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,
stayed on freedom. (3x)

Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

2. I was walking and talking with my mind ...
3. I was singing and praying with my mind, (stayed on Jesus) ...
4. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind ...

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Good news, Beloveds:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***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.

Preparing Our Hearts

Listen, Listen

Be open, O my heart.

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Jonah tried to run away from God, who called him to go to the enemy city of Ninevah asking them to turn away from their wickedness. Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city.

¹⁰ When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God had second thoughts about the calamity that God said would be done to them; and God did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to and said, "O God! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O God, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And God said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for

**=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit*

himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then God said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16 (Spark Bible p. 298)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] ¹ "The dominion of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine

o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ "When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may remain in worship in the sanctuary or explore the play area in the hospitality center with a caring adult.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

***Hymn of the Day**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

***Prayers of the People**

*Each petition ends: God of Grace, **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.**

Gathering our Gifts

Kent Goodroad

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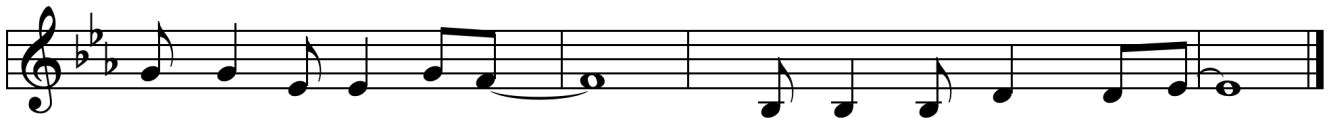


*Offertory

Give Us Our Daily Bread



1. Give us our dai - ly bread.	Give us our dai - ly bread.
2. May we be sa - tis - fied.	May we be sa - tis - fied.
3. Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.	Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.
4. Pass - ing the gift a - long.	Pass - ing the gift a - long.



Give us our dai - ly bread.	May we be sa - tis - fied.
May we be sa - tis - fied.	With on - ly what we need.
Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.	If an - y be de - nied.
Pass - ing the gift a - long.	Each add - ing as we can.

*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 grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.

Songs During Communion

Taste And See

ELW 493 TFF 126

Bread of Life From Heaven

ELW 474

Can't Give Up Now

Mary Mary

(verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated)

Chorus

We just can't give up now

We've come too far from where we started from

Nobody told us the road would be easy

And we don't believe God's brought us this far to leave us

***Blessing**



Sending

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

***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.

Go in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Are you interested in becoming a member or just learning more about OSLC?

Please reach out to one of the pastors:

martha@oursavioursmppls.org - esther@oursavioursmppls.org

Our next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25!

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell and Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Babette Chatman
Reader:	Steve Lindley
Prayers:	Craig Johnson
Offertory:	Kent Goodroad
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer
Prelude:	Henry Heaton
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, September 23

8:30AM: DABS
10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)
5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)
6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab
7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15PM-9PM: Work Day at the Green House

Saturday, September 26

Derrick Kimmons memorial service
2PM: visitation
3-4PM: memorial service
4-6PM: reception

Sunday, September 27

11AM-12PM Faith Formation for All Ages
Adult Forum: *Kingian Nonviolence Center exploration discussion.*
12PM-2PM: Work Day at the Green House. Lunch provided.

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