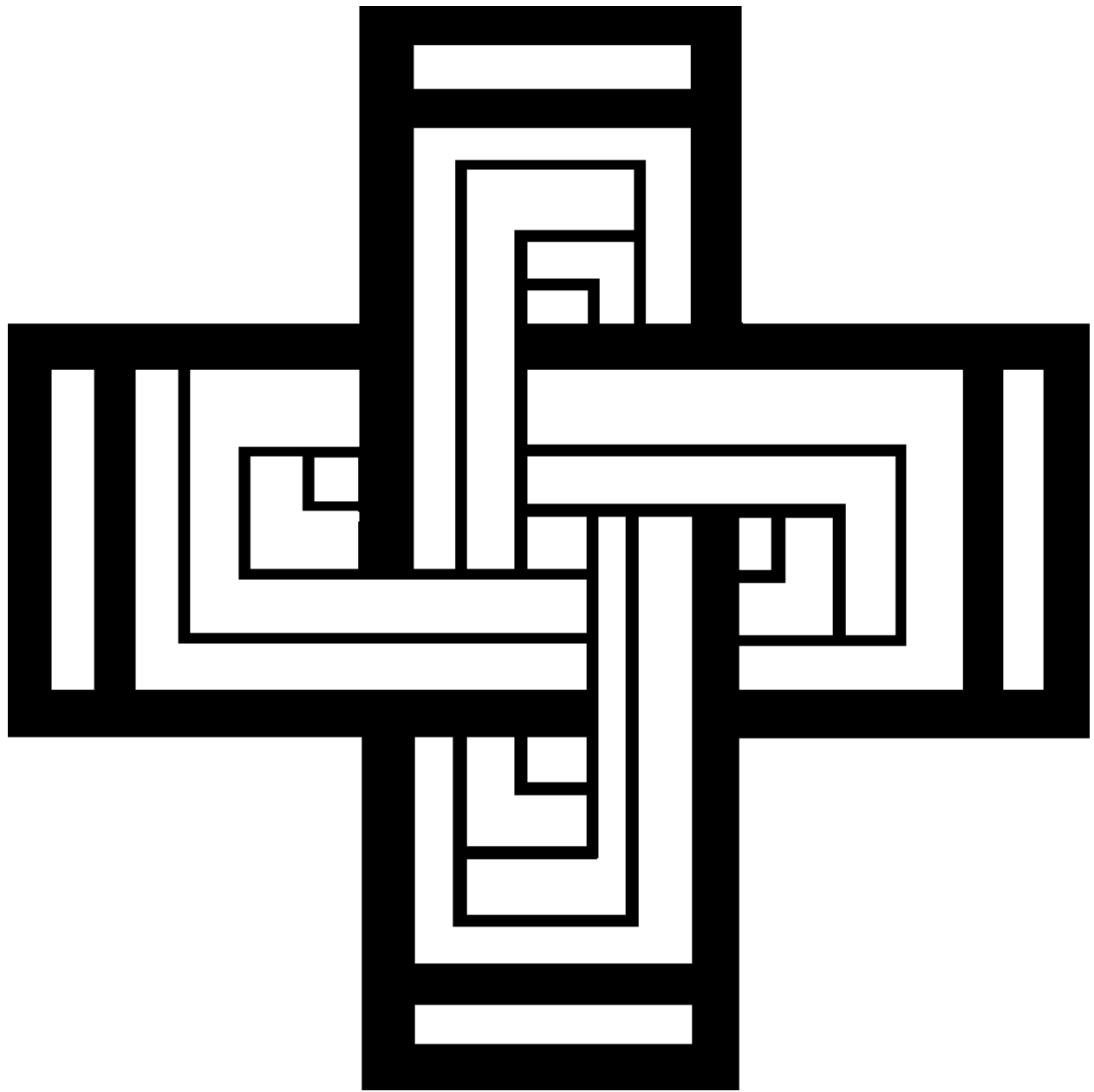


Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 27th, 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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Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

Opening Hymn** ***Come, Let Us Worship God ***Ray Makeever***

Each week we will sing in a different language reflecting the cultural diversity of our community.

1. (Come let us worship God.) **Come, let us worship God.** (2x)
(Welcome ev'ryone.) **Welcome ev'ryone.**
(To the love of God.) **To the love of God.**
2. (Venid, adoremos a Dios) **Venid, adoremos a Dios** [2x]
(Bienvenidos todos) **Bienvenidos todos**
(al amor de Dios) **al amor de Dios**
3. (Rest for the weary.) **Rest for the weary.** (2x)
4. (Food for the hungry.) **Food for the hungry.** (2x)
5. (Hope for the children.) **Hope for the children.** (2x)

***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.

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

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

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although being in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but relinquished it all,

taking the form of a servant,

being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is The Chosen One,
to the glory of God.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

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 21:23-32 (Spark Bible p. 460)

²³ When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A parent had two children; they went to the first and said, ‘Go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ The child answered, ‘I will not’; but later changed their mind and went. ³⁰ The parent went to the second and said the same; and the second child answered, ‘I go’; but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of their parent?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the dominion of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

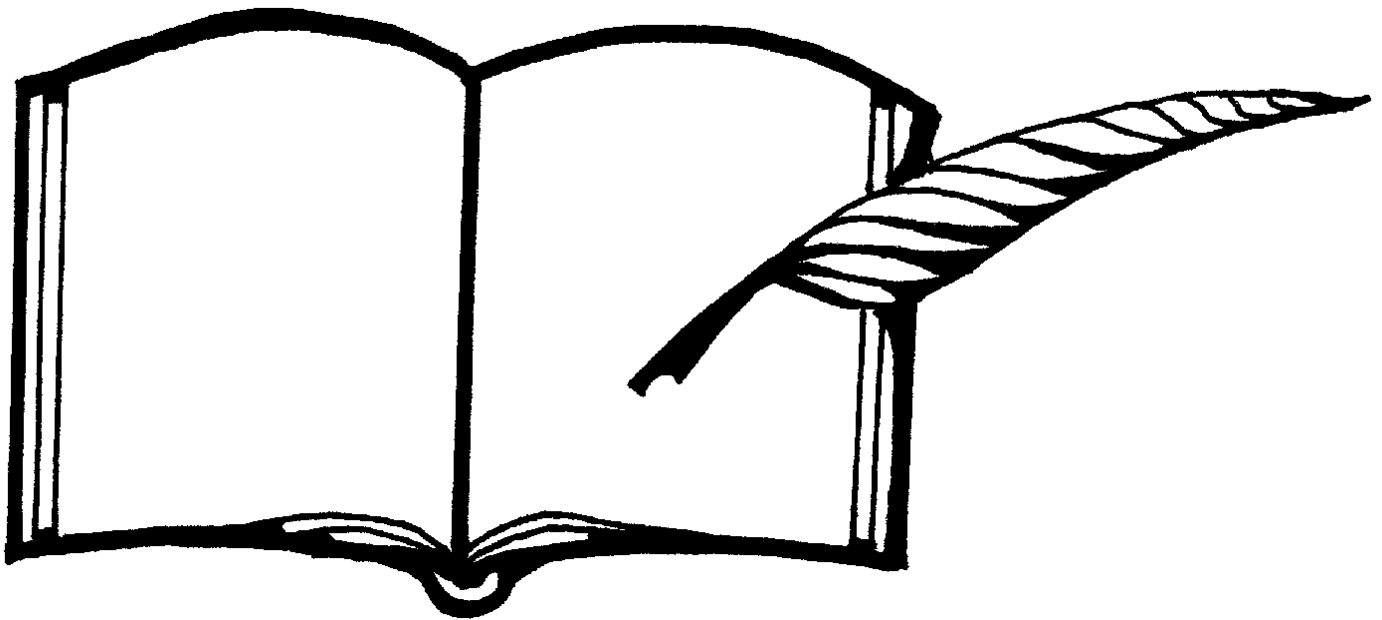
This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

Christ-Sophia, Give Us Wisdom

1. Christ - So - phi - a, give us wis - dom; show us Your
2. Christ - So - phi - a, give us cour - age; fill us with
3. Christ - So - phi - a, give us pow - er; help us to

just and peace - ful way; O guide us to un - der - stand each
hope in times like these; O guide us through ev - ery lone - some
join Your work of grace; O guide us on paths of lib - er -

oth - er; fill us with kind - ness now, we pray.
val - ley; bring us Your heal - ing from dis - ease.
a - tion, free - ing each gen - der and each race.

*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

Bend the Arc

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's use this QR Code.



*Offertory

Give Us Our Daily Bread



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

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



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

May we be sa - tis - fied.
With on - ly what we need.
If an - y be de - nied.
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

Come to the Table

Part I

Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.



Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Faith - Kirk Franklin

I can do the impossible, I can see the invisible - because I got faith.
I believe - because I got faith.

*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
Preaching:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Dave Comstock
Prayers:	Karen Stevensen
Offertory:	OSLC Adult Choir
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer
Prelude:	Elliot Heaton
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, September 30

8:30AM: DABS

10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)

6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab

7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

7:15-9PM: Green House Work Day

Friday, October 2

7:00AM: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 4

9:30AM Blessing of Animals+Plants Worship

12PM-2PM Property Work Day with Pizza

5:30PM-7:30PM: OSLC Youth Gathering (offsite)

SERMON NOTES

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