

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



October 11th, 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: 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:



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In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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. (Kommt, lasst uns Gott anbeten.) **Kommt, lasst uns Gott anbeten. (2x)**
(Willkommen, alle.) **Willkommen, alle.**
(Bei der Liebe Gottes.) **Bei der Liebe Gottes.**
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.

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 4:1-9

¹ My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, rise firm, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in Christ Jesus.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in Christ Jesus always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Christ is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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

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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano line is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score ends with a double bar line.

*Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14 (Spark Bible p. 304)

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to their farm, another to their business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW523

*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

Come to the Feast

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

As God Provides



As God pro-vides a - bun-dant-ly the rich-es of the earth, as
sun and rain dis - tin-guish not a - mong each gar - den's worth, we a -
ban-don ev - 'ry cau-tion as our a - bun-dance free - ly we be -
stow. Cre - a - tion stream-ing gra-cious-ly shall lead us in the
flow. In grat - i - tude these gifts we bring.

*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.

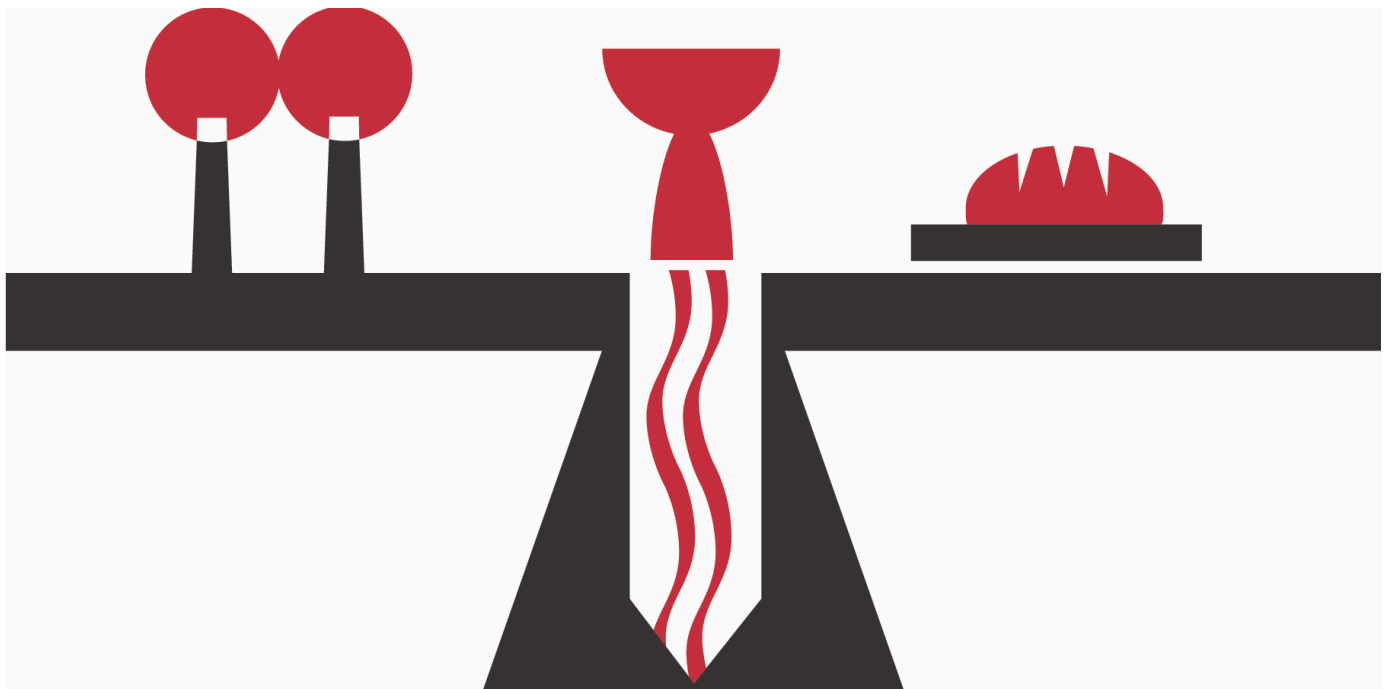
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites 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

Build A Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



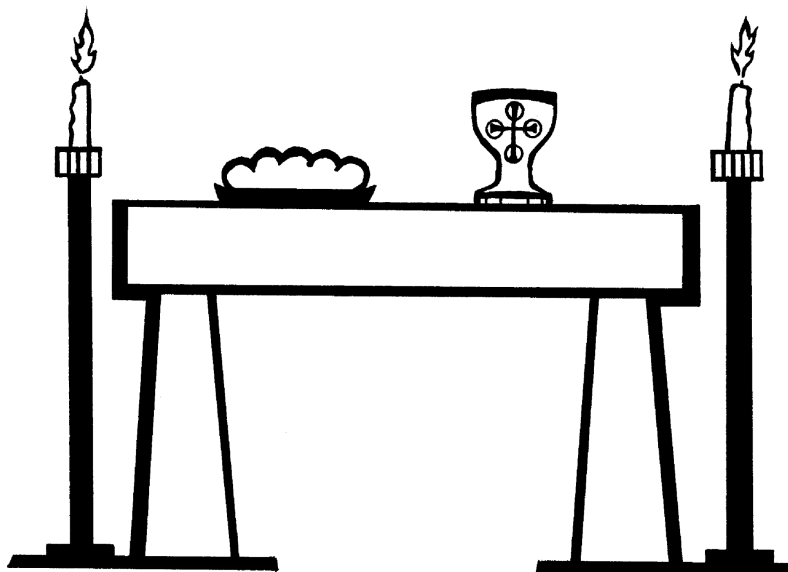
feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.



For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

**Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, Justice
and joy.**

2. For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong,

**Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, Justice
and joy.**

3. For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free, **Refrain**



In Our God I'll Be Ever Thankful

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "In our God I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in our God I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, for Christ is near. Lift up your voic - es, for Christ is near."

System 1: The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and A4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts on a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and A3. The lyrics "In our God I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in our God I will re -" are written below the staves.

System 2: The second staff continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a quarter note A3. The lyrics "joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your" are written below the staves.

System 3: The third staff concludes the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a quarter note A3. The lyrics "voic - es, for Christ is near. Lift up your voic - es, for Christ is near." are written below the staves.

*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@oursavioursmples.org - esther@oursavioursmples.org

Our next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25!

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Ott Abrahamson
Prayers:	Joel Abrahamson
Offertory:	OSLC Adult Choir
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer
Prelude:	Eleanor Lau
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Monday, October 12

office is closed

Wednesday, October 14

8:30AM: DABS

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

5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)

6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab

7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 18

11AM: Adult Forum – El Salvador Trip – Sharing Stories

SERMON NOTES

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