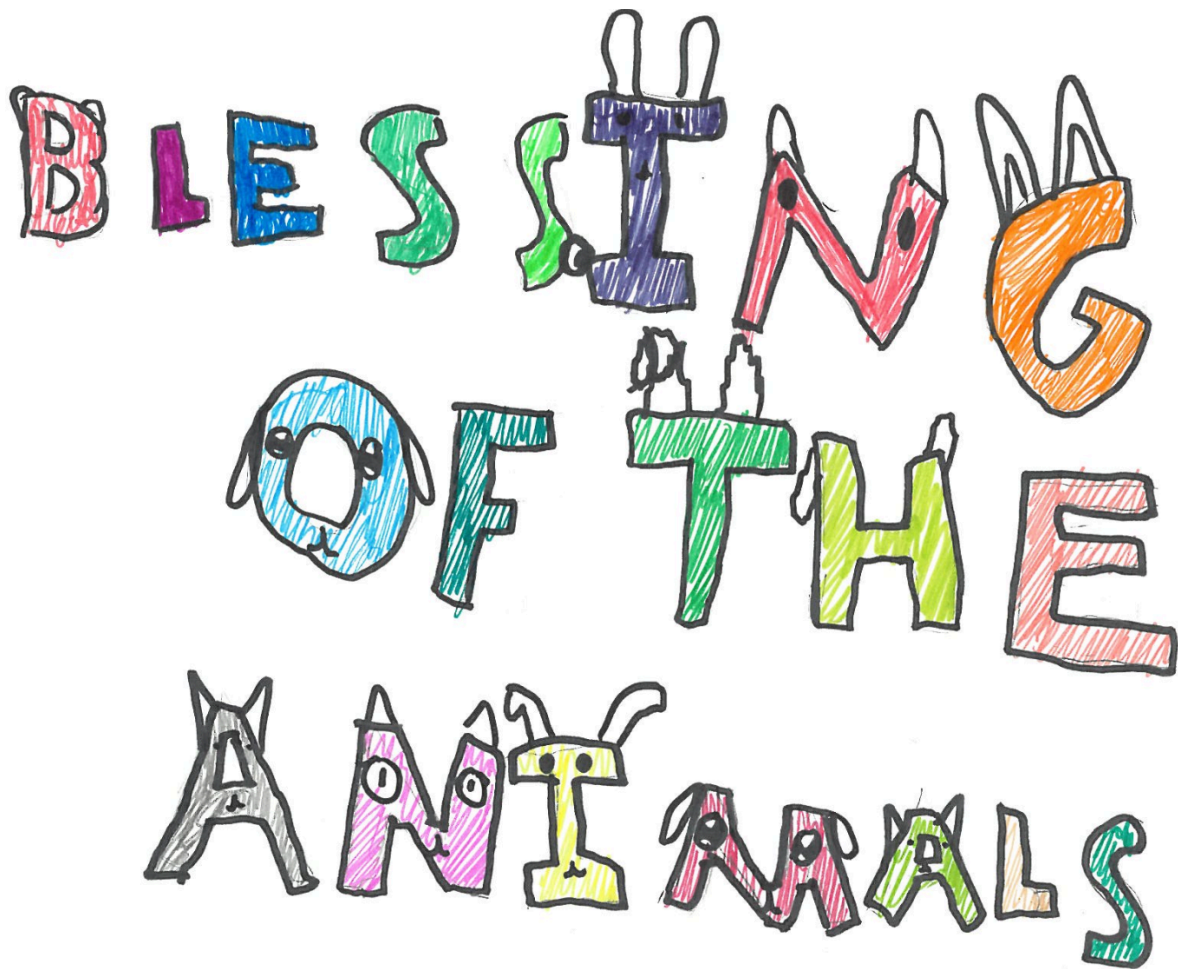


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 4th, 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:



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.

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. (Venez, adorons Dieu.) **Venez, adorons Dieu.** (2x)
(Bienvenue à tous.) **Bienvenue à tous.**
(À l'amour de Dieu.) **À l'amour de Dieu.**
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)

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

***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

Creation

from the Spark Story Bible

Psalm 8 *All – Refrain; Reader - Verses*

L: Our God is great! Ev'ry bod-y sing. C: La, la, la, al - le - lu ia!
Our God made us! Ev'ry bod-y sing.

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

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

Children's Sermon

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.

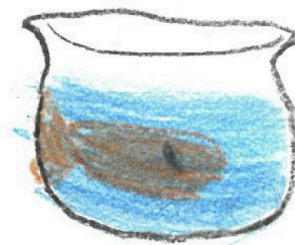
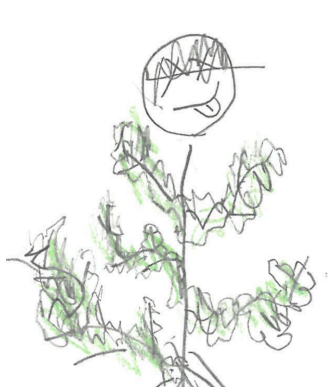
When you are led, you may say this blessing together as those nearby lay hands on the creature or extend a gesture of blessing:

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, our God has 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.

*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.**

The people greet each other: **"Peace be with you."**



Gathering our Gifts

One Family

R. M. Fergus

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

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.

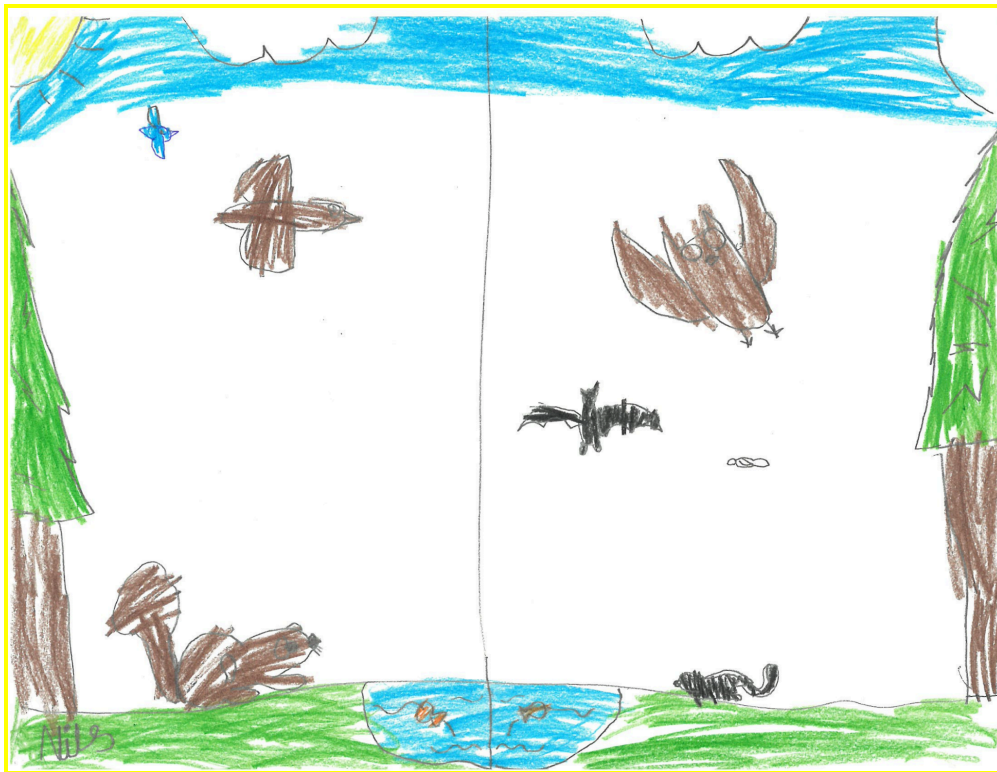
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites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

Bread of Life From Heaven

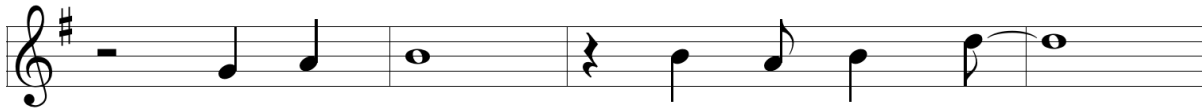
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Be With Us Now

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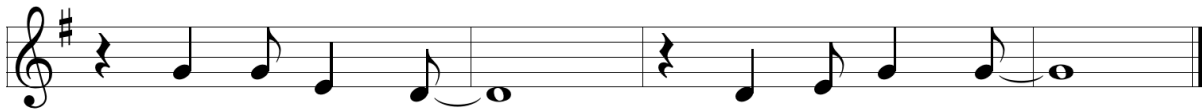
1 God of earth and ev - 'ry crea - ture,
2 God who moves a - cross the wa - ter,
3 God who grieves the death of na - ture,
4 God who weaves each gold - en sun - set,



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,



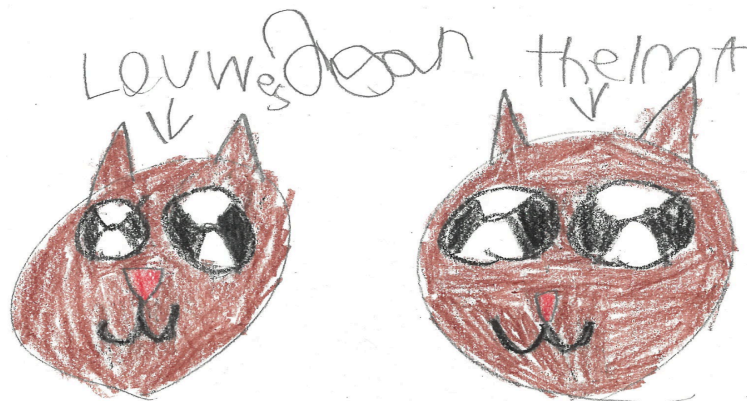
God of old and new cre - a - tion,
God who moves with - in my walk - ing,
God who grieves at our in - dif - f'rence,
God who weaves us all to - geth - er,



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.



You Embrace the Smallest

Music notation for the song "You Embrace the Smallest". The score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You em - brace the small - est of crea - tures, you em -
brace the whole u - ni - verse, your ten - der - ness knows no end. We,
too, rest in your arms. You em - brace the wid - est of
o - ceans, you em - brace the thin - nest of hopes, your ten - der - ness
knows no end. We, too, rest in your lov - ing arms.

***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@oursavioursmpls.org - esther@oursavioursmpls.org

Our next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25!



Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell & Esther Sianipar
Blessing:	Grades 4-5
Prayers:	OSLC Youth
Special Music:	OSLC Youth
Readers:	Grades 1-3
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	OSLC Youth
Bulletin Art:	OSLC Youth
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, October 7

8:30AM: DABS

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

5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)

6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab

7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 10

7:30AM-11AM: Serving Shelter Breakfast (K)

9:00AM-Noon: Quilting (HC)

Sunday, October 11

11:00 AM: Adult Forum - Surfacing Commitments to Indigenous Protector
Movement (IPM) and Capital Cam-paign Updates, Q and A

NOTES & DRAWINGS



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