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Welcome to Worship

Who Do You Say That I Am?

August 29 - 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.
Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

- Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C** = **Congregation**

Prelude (5:00)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Cam Green, piano

J.S. Bach

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther, Johann
S. Bach Public Domain

(9:00, 11:00)

Lift High the Cross
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. Larry Shackley

"Lift High the Cross" arranged by Larry Shackley
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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea, you

led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie Leader sings verse, **Congregation sings Refrain** *setting 8*, ELW p. 184

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

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⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;^[a] do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,^[b] for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message (9:00)

Gospel Acclamation

setting 8, ELW p. 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Holy Gospel

P: The gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Message (5:00)
(9:00, 11:00)

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman
Pastor Brian Wise

Hymn of the Day ACS 1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

Ruth Duck

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart

with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*

2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*

3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

"Spirit, Open My Heart" Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947. Text © 1996 Pilgrim Press.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again;
He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk

Beginning the week of September 13,
you're invited to join a *God Works in the Word* small-group Bible study exploring the
lectionary texts from the Gospel of Matthew. Here is a video with more information.

Offering Invitation

Music Offering(5:00)

At the Name of Jesus
Cam Green, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

"At the Name of Jesus" Text adapted from Philippians
2:6-11; Cindy Berry © 1985 Word Music, LLC.

(9:00, 11:00)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. John Carter

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. John Carter © 1996 Hope
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Offertory (5:00, 9:00)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
 And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
 Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

"Give Thanks" Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music..

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (responsively)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

setting 8, ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat. When present, a prayer minister wearing a cross on a red ribbon is located at the back of the worship space.

Distribution (5:00, 9:00)

Lamb of God

setting 8, ELW p. 191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
 Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain Christ, our God, to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

God Works! Responsive Sending

- P: People of God, we are sent into the world...
- C: To celebrate how God works in the Word, in us, and in the world around us.**
- P: From the very beginning, God has been telling a story of grace and hope...
- C: And through Christ, that story continues in us today.**
- P: God works in the Word...
- C: Gathering us in worship, proclaiming Good News, and turning our hearts toward God and one another.**
- P: God works in us...
- C: Calling us in baptism to love our neighbors and live the Gospel with courage and compassion.**
- P: God works in the world...
- C: Moving beyond these walls in places of healing, justice, mercy, and hope.**
- P: So go now with faith in God whose work is not finished...
- C: To love boldly, to serve joyfully, and to 'Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known'.**

Blessing

- P: May Almighty God, Creator, Sustainer, and Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

Sending Song

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW 667

- 1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me."
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;

for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown.

"Jesus, Still Lead On" Text: Nicholas L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, att. Music: Adam Drese, 1620-1701.

Dismissal

L: *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude (5:00)

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Cam Green, piano

Franz J. Haydn

"At the Name of Jesus" Text adapted from Philippians 2:6-11; Cindy Berry © 1985 Word Music, LLC.

(9:00)

Postlude on 'Festal Song'
Nicholas Davis, organ

William Walter

Postlude on 'Festal Song' William H Walter
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(11:00)

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
11:00 am Ensemble

Reprise Hymn

Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Winnie Ziemer and Kathy Gere.

We lift in prayer Dee Candia, Sue Meyer, and their families on the death of Cecil Meyer, Dee's brother and Sue's husband.

We rejoice at the baptism of Jaxon Michael Williams, son of Bennett and Nicole Williams. And with Dave and Barb Mevis and family as they celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Shannon, to Josh Turner.

Pastoral Team

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Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

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Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

Communion is by intinction (dipping the bread/wafer). We offer wine (red) and grape juice (white), gluten-free at every station. If you like private prayer, please visit our prayer minister in the back; you can find them by the cross on a red ribbon around their neck.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the News & Events page of our website: <https://oursaviours.com/news-events>

- **Sunday School (now called Daily Bread) Preview Day:** August 30, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.; children will start in worship and be led out after Children's Message. No Sunday School on Sept. 6 Labor Day. Year starts **officially Sept. 13**.
- **C.A.R.E. Parents (College Age Requires Embracing): Beyond the Nest** ministry group is ready to kick off another year of supporting our college-age youth! The group will meet on the first **Tuesday** of each month, **starting Sept. 1**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Celebration Campus Conference Room. Find more info and register your student to receive care packages on the website!
- **Midweek Meetup Kickoff: God Works When We Gather:** Wednesday, September 2, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. For parents and youth in K-12th grade, this will be a night of age-group-specific informational meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.
- The front office will switch from summer hours to regular hours after Labor Day. As of **Tuesday, Sept. 8**, office hours will be **Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**; closed Fridays.
- **Banned Book Club:** Sept. 3, 7 to 8 p.m. in the OS-Classroom 1, education wing.
- **BabyCare Raffle Tickets** (baby stroller and quilt raffle) can be purchased in the Narthex at Our Saviour's campus on Sept 5 and 13, and at the Celebration Campus on August 30. \$5/ticket and \$20/5 tickets. The drawing will take place on Sept. 13.
- **Versiti Blood Drive:** **Sept. 8**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the OS-Fellowship Hall. Registration links will be available online and in our weekly newsletter. Your donation can save up to three lives!

Our Saviour's Campus:

The education wing is located in the hallway behind Luther Court with stairs at either end for access to the upper and lower levels. Music wing, hallway to the right of Luther Court

First Floor:

Sanctuary, Narthex, Front Office, Welcome Desk, and Fellowship Center, Art Gallery

Luther Court: Library and Childcare Nursery

Education Wing: Bonhoeffer Conference Room, Classroom 1 (formerly Advent),
Classroom 2 (formerly Epiphany)

Music Wing: Bach Music Room, staff offices, Gathering Room, CYFM Lounge

Second Floor: Youth Rooms 1-3

Lower Level: Multipurpose Meeting Room

Celebration Campus:

First Floor: Lobby gathering area, Nursery, Conference Room, Gym

Lower Level: Classrooms 104/105 at the end of the hallway