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Welcome to Worship

September 6 - 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**.
The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal. * Indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude (5:00)

God So Loved the World
Kevin McOlgan, piano

arr. Fred Bock

(9:00)

1. *Overture (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)*
Saxophone Quartet

G. F. Handel

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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

(5:00) *Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of  the One who was, who is, and who is to come. Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your
own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give
new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and
cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and
give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified
and Risen One. Amen.

(9:00) **Baptism**

Holden William Bruzek

(spoken by the congregation at the end of the baptism)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***Gathering Song**

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 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*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

"Lift High the Cross" Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956 Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947. text & Music © 1974 by Hope Publishing Co.

***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**

ELW p. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

***Canticle of Praise**

This is the feast

ELW p. 140

Refrain This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day** (spoken or sung)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 2946). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW p. 142

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

*The Holy Gospel

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14:25-35

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

(5:00) Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

(9:00) Pastor Brian Wise

*Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798, vs 1, 2, 5

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons), John L. Bell, Scottish Traditional. Text © 1993 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

*Apostles' Creed, p. 105

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 (responsive prayer)

God of grace,
receive our prayers.

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk: Bright Stars of Bethlehem - 2025 Gala Watch Party Fundraiser

Raising awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine. Saturday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Pastor Ben. Our Saviour's Campus-Fellowship Hall.

Music Offering (5:00)

I Love to Tell the Story
Kevin McOlgan, piano

arr. Mary McDonald

"I Love to Tell the Story" William G. Fischer, arr. Mary McDonald. © 2016 Hope Publishing Company.

(9:00)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Joel Raney

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Joel Raney. © 2022 Hope Publishing Company.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" John W. Arthur; Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

*Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 144

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

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Please be seated.

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

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross with a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

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.**

Lamb of God" Holy Communion, setting three; Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927. SundaysandSeasons.com
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(5:00) Meditation Music

I Am the Bread of Life
 Kevin McOlgan, piano

Suzanne Toolan

"I Am the Bread of Life" Suzanne Toolan. © 1966 GIA Publications.

(9:00) 3. La Paix (from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*)
 Saxophone Quartet

G. F. Handel

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Prayer after Communion*WE ARE SENT*****Responsive Sending**

People of God, we are called into '*Life Together*'...

Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.

Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...

Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.

We are not church alone—we are church together...

Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.

The Spirit forms us into a community of care...

Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.

In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...

Christ is made known among us.

So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...

To live '*Life Together*', to '*Know Jesus*', and *Make Jesus Known*'. Amen.

Blessing**Sending Song**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW #667, all vs

- 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.

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.
 Music: W. Hauser, Hesperian Harp, 1848; arr. hymnal version. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God, we will!

Postlude (5:00)

Lift High the Cross
 Kevin McOlgan, piano

arr. Faye Lopez

"Life High the Cross" Sydney H. Nicholson; arranged by Faye Lopez. © 2016 Hope Publishing Co.

(9:00) 4. La Rejouissance (from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*)

G. F. Handel

Saxophone Quartet

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Thank you to the Saxophone Quartet: Ken Abeling, Marty Rench, Chris Gere, Rod Rousseau, the members of the Sanctuary Choir, and to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

Pastoral Team Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com
Pastor Ben Sloss, pastorben@oursaviours.com
Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman, pastorelisabeth@oursaviours.com

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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This week in prayers

We continue to pray for those with needs or concerns, especially Marcia Patterson and Regan Eertmoed.

We rejoice at the birth of Heath Edward Walker, son of Kim and Dustin Walker.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at www.oursaviours.com

- The front office will switch from summer hours to regular hours after Labor Day. As of **Tuesday, Sept. 2**, office hours will be **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**; the office is closed on Fridays.
- The first **Senior Lunch** is **Monday, Sept. 8**, at noon in Nelson-Niemi Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is Dining Through the Decades! Please RSVP to the office at 630-355-2522 by **Sept. 4**.
- Our Saviour's next **blood drive with Versiti** will be **Tuesday, September 9**, from 12 to 4 p.m. Sign up to donate on our website.
- The **Weekly Games Group** will resume meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 9**, at 1:30 p.m. in OS-Fellowship Hall. Bring a card game or board game; bring a friend.
- **Bright Stars of Bethlehem**, 2025 Gala watch party fundraiser. Raising awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine. **Saturday, Sept. 13**, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Pastor Ben. OS-Fellowship Hall.
- Donation Drives for **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, which will take place on **Sept. 13-14!**
This year, we'll be assembling infant-care kits with our **Baby Care** ministry and, during our 5 p.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. worship services, assembling **patient-care bags** for local nonprofit **Bringing Joy**, which will distribute them to cancer patients in our area. **To make these special events happen, we need your help!**
 - **Baby Care** seeks donations of **new or gently used lightweight jackets/hoodies in sizes 6M to 2T**. Jackets can be dropped off in the Baby Care crib in Fellowship Hall.
 - **Bringing Joy** is in need of donations of **travel-size tissue packs, new decks of playing cards, Sudoku and crossword puzzle books, and \$10 gift cards** to businesses such as Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts. Donations can be placed in the labeled bins at either campus. Please feel free to drop off donations this weekend, at Midweek Meetup next Wednesday or any time you are at one of our campuses the next two weeks! Thank you for your support as we do God's work with our hands!

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