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Welcome to Worship

Parable of the Two Sons

September 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.

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

Gathering Song

House Of The Lord

Phil Wickham

- 1 We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
Our God, He holds the victory, yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

- 2 We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away (*Chorus*)

Bridge

We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Repeat Bridge*)

Chorus, Chorus

Ending We shout out Your praise!
There is joy in this house,

There is joy in this house today!
We shout out Your Praise!

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose Word brings life,
whose grace meets us in these waters,
and whose love is at work in us and in the world.

C: Amen.

P: In baptism, God meets us with a promise. We are joined to Christ, surrounded by
grace, and called beloved before we have done anything to earn it. Let us give thanks
for the gift of baptism and remember that God is still at work among us.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of water. In the beginning, your Spirit moved
over the waters, and through your Word you called creation into life. You looked upon
all you had made and called it good. Through water you have carried your people from
death into life, from captivity into freedom, from fear into promise. In the Jordan, Jesus
entered these waters, and your voice named him beloved. In these waters you name us
beloved, too. You join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. You wash us in mercy,
surround us with grace, and remind us that our lives belong to you.

In these waters, we trust:

**C: You are at work in us, forming us into people who forgive, serve, seek
justice, love our neighbors, care for creation, and make room for those the
world pushes aside.**

P: Renew us today in the promise of our baptism. And when the world tells us that nothing
can change, send us out trusting that you are already at work. To you be all glory and
praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

Lord, I Need You

Bethel Music

1 Lord I come, I confess
bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart,
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Tag

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You. (Repeat)

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THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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 man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Message

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Song of the Day

The Blessing

J.Waller/T. Denning

1 Let it be said of us / While we walked among the living
Let it be said of us / By the ones we leave behind
Let it be said of us / That we lived to be a blessing for life

2 And let it be said of us / That we gave to reach the dying
Let it be said of us / By the fruit we leave behind
Let it be said of us / That our legacy is blessing for life

Chorus

This day / You set life You set death right before us
This day / Ev'ry blessing and curse is a choice now
And we will choose to be a blessing for life

3 Let it be said of us / That our hearts belonged to Jesus
Let it be said of us / That we spoke the words of life
Let it be said of us / That our heritage is blessing for life (Chorus)

Tag

We will choose to be a blessing for life

Bridge 1

'Cause blessings and curses are choices
Will we build up tear down
The moment of truth is now (Chorus)

Bridge 2

For Your kingdom for our children
For the sake of ev'ry nation
For Your kingdom for our children
For the sake of ev'ry nation
We will choose to be a blessing for life

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Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Announcements / Impact Talk

Offering Invitation

Music Offering

He Is Among Us (The Least of These)

The Porter's Gate

1 You'll find Me with the broken and the weak
In the spaces in between
You'll hear My voice cry out with those who weep
Only if you're listening

Chorus

Whatever you do for the least of these
You do it unto Me

2 You'll find Me with the ones without a voice
The forgotten and ignored
My blessing is on those who love the poor
Will you open up the door (Chorus 2 times)

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
He is among us, He is among us (Repeat)

Ending

By this the world will know the Father's love
We will know the Father's love

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Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

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.

Communion Song

I Surrender All

J. Lavik/T. Guerrero

1 All to Jesus I surrender / All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him / In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all / I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour / I surrender all

2 All to Jesus I surrender / Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken / Take me, Jesus, take me now (Chorus)

3 All to Jesus I surrender / Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power / Let Thy blessings fall on me (Chorus)

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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

Sending Song

It Really Is Amazing Grace

Crowder/Smith/Wickham

- 1 Amazing grace / How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost / But now I'm found
 Was blind but now I see

Chorus 1

Singing Hallelujah / There's no chains on me
Thank You, Jesus / You have set me free
You welcomed me in / Called me by name
Was dead in my sin / Now I'm dancing on that grave
Hallelujah it really is amazing grace

- 2 'Twas grace that taught / My heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did / That grace appear
 The hour I first believed (Chorus 1)

Bridge

I'll testify / Of what He did
He gave me life / I'm born again
My heart is free / My soul is saved
It really is amazing grace (repeat)

Tag

It really is, it really is
It really is amazing grace
It really is, it really is
Sing Hallelujah

Chorus 2

Hallelujah / There's no chains on me
Thank You, Jesus / You have set me free
You welcomed me in / Called me by name
Was dead in my sin / Now I'm dancing on that grave
Hallelujah, it really is amazing grace

Ending

It really is
It really is amazing grace
It really is, it really is
It really is amazing grace

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

This Week in Prayers:

We rejoice at the baptism of Lily Joanna Roper, daughter of Jim and Pastor Anna Roper. And with Kyle Ahlstrom and Megan Sedivy at the baptism of their son, Anders Owen Ahlstrom.

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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

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.

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>

- **BabyCare Raffle Tickets** (baby stroller and quilt raffle) can be purchased in the Narthex at Our Saviour's campus on Sept 13. \$5/ticket and \$20/5 tickets. The drawing will take place on Sept. 13 during the Baby Care kit assembly.
- **God's Work, Our Hands: Baby Care Kit Assembly**, [Sept. 13](#), in the OS-Fellowship Hall.
- **"God Works in the Word" Bible Study**: starts on Sundays, [Sept 13](#) (6 weeks), from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the OS-Gathering Room.
- **"God Works in the Word" Bible Study**: starts on Sundays, [Sept 13](#) (6 weeks), from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve Pavilion, 4s500 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL 60563 just south of Diehl Rd.
- **Next Senior Lunch**: [Sept 14](#), from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the OS-Fellowship Hall. RSVPing to the front office helps us get a headcount; visitors are always welcome.
- **Mozambique Ministry Pie Slice Sale**, Sept 19/20, details to come

- **Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff: Meet Me at Mahjong:** [Friday, September 25](#), 6:30-9:00 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. \$30 registration due Monday, September 21. Scholarships available. Register and find more information on our webpage.
- **A Taste of Mozambique: Gratitude Dinner,** [Sunday, Sept 27](#), at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come share a meal, celebrate God's abundance through your generosity, and hear stories of how God is bringing hope through this mission! No cost
- **September is Emotional Wellness Month at Our Saviour's.** This year's theme is "Anchored in Hope: Healthy Ways to Weather Life's Storms." Throughout the month, we will explore simple practices that can help us pause, rest, reconnect with what grounds us, and remember that we do not have to face difficult seasons alone. Visit the Wellness Ministry displays at both campuses to find practical tools and encouragement to support your emotional well-being.

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