

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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September 20th, 2020 + 16th Sunday after Pentecost

# Generosity



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” #863



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

**GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

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

**KYRIE (ELW P. 147)**

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 (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**LET THE CHILDREN COME...**

**FIRST READING**-Jonah 3:10-4:11

**PSALM** 145:1-8

**SECOND READING**-Philippians 1:21-30

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

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

**GOSPEL**-Matthew 20:1-16

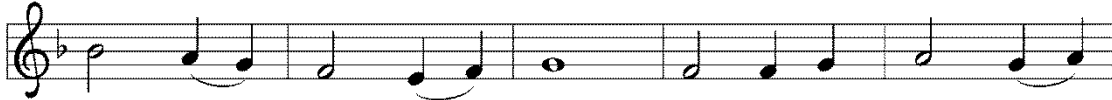
**SERMON**

## HYMN

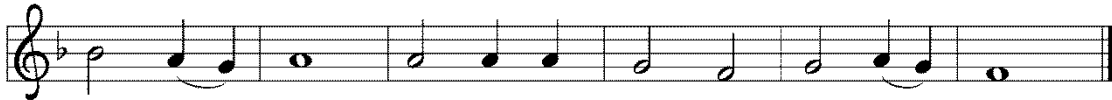
### "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## APOSTLES' CREED (ELW 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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

## HYMN:

### "The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies" #683

- 1 The numberless gifts of God's mercies my tongue cannot fathom or tell.  
Like dew that appears in the morning, they come to us shining and full.  
The numberless gifts of God's mercies, my tongue cannot fathom or tell.
- 2 Like all of the stars in the heavens, God's mercies can never be told.  
They shine through the darkness of midnight; their beauties can never grow old.  
Like all of the stars in the heavens, God's mercies can never be told.

3 I'll never count all of God's mercies, but oh, I can give God my praise  
 for all of that love, my thanksgiving and love to the end of my days.  
 I'll never count all of God's mercies, but oh, I can give God my praise!

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

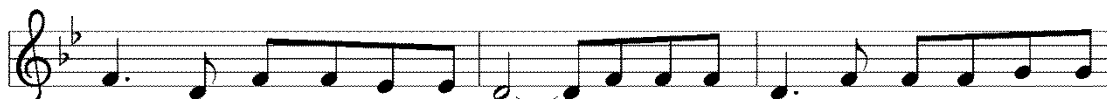
**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**"How Great Thou Art" #856**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

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*Special thanks to Pr. Sharayah Robinson for her continued worship leadership during these services and to the Kathryn-Nome-Fingal Lutheran Parishes as we grow and learn as church together in these challenging times.*

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### **Announcements**

**This Week's Radio Broadcast** is memory of Mary Casperson, Dennis Maresh, Beverly Johnson, Eileen Maresh given by WELCA.

**We are pressing "Pause" on in-person worship:** Out of abundance of caution and for the health and well-being of our neighbors, we have decided to stop in-person worship at this time. We look forward to gathering together again when it is safe and wise to do so. In the meantime, if you would like a hard copy of Sunday's bulletin mailed home to you, call the church office at 845-1328.

**Worship from Home** continues: 8:30 am Facebook Live, 11:00 KOVC 1490 AM Radio Broadcast, afternoon "OSLC Valley City" YouTube.

**In September and October, we will focus on MERCY:** God's mercy freely given to us, and our call to show mercy to ourselves and our neighbors near and far. Each week our Sunday worship and Wednesday Devotion will invite you to think deeper about an aspect of God's mercy: COMPASSION (9/27), FAITHFULNESS (10/4), and ABUNDANCE (10/11).

**PreK-6th Grade Sunday School registration** will be happening online in September. Please register so that you can stay connected about faith formation opportunities throughout the year.

**Donations of NEW socks & underwear** of all sizes, children and adult, will be welcomed in September. Place in the bin in the hallway near the office. These items will be distributed through the Community Closet. Drop off Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm or Sunday Mornings. (Enter through the West Door).

**For School's Sake:** To help our elementary schools, we are holding a drive to accept donations for the following specific items: Boxes of prepacked individual snacks (sorry, no home baked items), Kids-sized masks (home-made or store-bought), and bottled water. Drop off Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm or Sunday Mornings by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** will not gather in person at this time. From wherever we are on Monday mornings, we will start our week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns. Join us this week as we pray for: Jason & Joelle Manlove, Jenna, Jackson; James & Georgia Manstrom, Melissa; Leslie Manstrom; Matt & Lacie Maresh, Kathryn, Wyatt, Jackson; Jack & Liz Marthaler; Tyler & Kayleen Marthaler, Avery, Mack; Jeff Matson.

**Thank You for your continued offerings and prayers** in support of the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Offerings can be mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND. Online offerings can be made at the church website, [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://www.oursaviorsvc.org), by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

### **January-August 2020**

**Year To Date Income \$228,530.59**

**Year To Date Expense \$231,158.24**

**Year To Date-Expense Over Income (-\$2,627.65)**

**A week of OSLC ministry \$7,148.10**

**Last week's general fund offering \$4,221.50**