

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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At Our Savior's, We Value:
All Generations | Our Neighbors Near and Far | Sharing | Rejoicing and Weeping Together



July 12th, 2020 + 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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.**

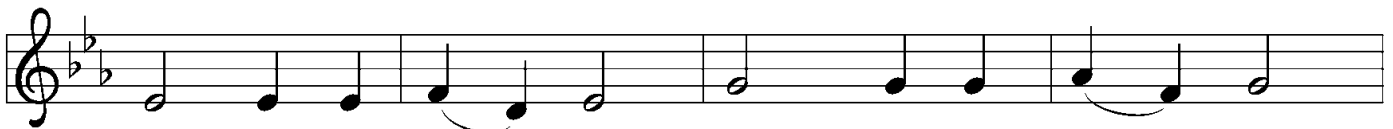
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

"Beautiful Savior" #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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

Let us pray...Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us
 to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
 and Lord. **Amen.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

SERMON

HYMN

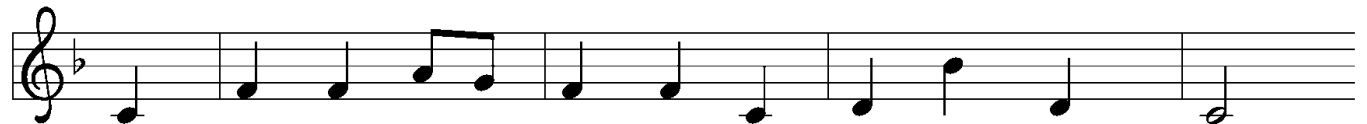
"As Rain from the Clouds" #508




1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow




and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.




We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,



for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
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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

HYMN:

"Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant; Make me a servant today.

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:

"Light Dawns on a Weary World" #726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



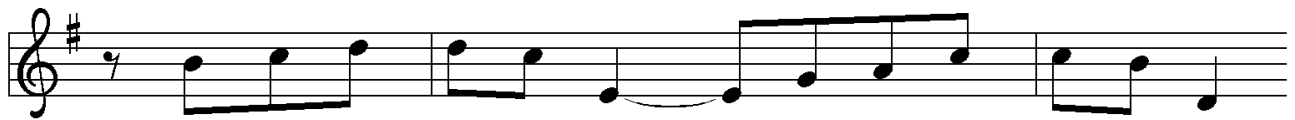
wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

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.

Announcements

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Victor Engler given by his family.

July Worship Opportunities: At this time, our primary mode of worship will be our 8:30 a.m. service, streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube, and broadcast on KOVC 1490 at 11:00 a.m. If worshipping from home isn't working for you, you may join us for a short service of word and prayer at 10:00 a.m. Within the building, we will encourage social distancing measures, mask wearing, and hand washing and sanitizing. When deciding whether to attend worship or not, please make safe choices for yourself and your neighbors. *Please note all in person gatherings are subject to change.*

On Sunday, July 19th, our 10:00 a.m. service will include Holy Communion.

On Wednesday July 22nd, we will also offer outdoor worship with Holy Communion in Pr. Kyle's backyard (1305 Chautauqua Blvd.) Bring a chair, and enjoy a service of prayer and communion, as well as some sun and fresh air. In the case of inclement weather, these services will be cancelled.

The 2020 Missionary Calendar can be found at the Information Counter. Claim your dates today and make your donation of \$25 per day, to support our missionaries Willie and Anne Langdji and Global Health Ministries.

Like and Follow "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND" on Facebook to stay connected with our church community during these challenging times. Look for prayer and other opportunities each week, and watch our Sunday worships on Facebook Live every Sunday.

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: Terry & Lori Justesen, Tarryn, Tiffannie; Trevor Justesen; Jessica Kaber, Paige, Noah; Melvin & Judy Karch; Nicole Karch, Blake, Bryn; Alan & Kelli Karn; Allison Keller, Remington, Cannon, Colt.

Christ In Our Home daily devotional booklets (in regular and large print) for July, August and September are now available. Pick up your copy today and begin the daily practice of bible reading and reflection.

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, by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

January-May 2020

Year To Date Income \$165,437.10

Year To Date Expense \$151,467.85

Year To Date-Income over expense \$13,969.25

January-May 2020

A week of OSLC ministry \$7,148.10

Last week's general fund offering \$1,990.70