

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AUGUST 23, 2026
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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Text **GIVE** to 855-964-5321 to give electronically

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.

Gathering Song Hymn #645: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

GREETING

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: ACS #12

Hymn of Praise ACS #12

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation ACS #14

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Vickie Ripley, LPA

Hymn of the Day #652: Built on a Rock

Apostles' Creed

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 the People

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Please greet one another with Christ's peace

Offertory Hymn #686: We Give Thee but Thine Own

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy: ACS #20

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Communion: ACS #25: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn #597: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

Prayer after communion

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine

our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn #620: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Tuesday	8/25	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	8/30	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Our Savior's will be putting together school supply kits again this year for Lutheran World Relief. **Supplies needed include: notebooks(4 per kit), 30-centimeter wooded rulers and blunt tip scissors. There is a box in the Narthex for collection.**

We are still missing a large **Ozark Trail Ice Block**, if you borrowed it please return it to the kitchen freezer, thank you!

Lastly, it saddens us to announce that Pastor Mark Taylor has decided to step back from his weekly rotation with us and will no longer be preaching per medical reasons. We are so grateful for all the lessons and insights he has shared with us over the years and we wish him nothing but the best. **There is a card in the Narthex to sign for anyone who would like to wish him well.**