



welcome to Our Saviour's

Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 28, 2016, 9:30 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*As We Gather At Your Table*.....#522

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and  
minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we  
claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace  
where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great  
compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still  
behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share  
that feast where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least. There no more will  
envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join  
with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

Greeting

**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.**

## Confession

P: God of Wholeness, we have become fragmented. We build up walls and hide ourselves from others. The pain of others is too much to deal with. The struggles of the world are too much to bear. We'd much rather just focus on our own lives, on our own jobs and families. But God, You have called us to be Your people, a people of the Covenant in which You are our God, not only my God. You have called us to be the people of the New Commandment, which is to love one another. We cannot go it alone. We cannot put blinders on and build up our dividers. Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might participate in the healing of the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to bring us life that we might have it abundantly, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Absolution

P: Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Go, bring hope and peace. Live into faith. Be love.

**C: Amen.**

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Kyrie.....Page 147

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

*This is the Feast of Victory for Our God.....Page 149*

**Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. Refrain.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

**C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm.....Psalm 112

**P: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!**

**C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**P: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.**

**C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

P: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

P: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

P: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away, the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Reading.....Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

P: The gospel of our Lord is from the book of Luke.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel.....Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor James Gordon

Hymn of the Day.....*Gather Us In*.....#532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame, call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to**

**fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Holy Baptism.....Auden Erich Klidzejs.....Page 227

### Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Reconciling God, please strengthen the will of all peacemakers; enable them to deal with fear, pride, and hoary prejudice. Build up courage, truth, trust, and mutual respect within all peoples.

**C: Lord in your mercy.**

**P:** God of resurrection, please restore dignity to the lives of all people. May the Risen Christ be amongst us enabling love, sharing and prayers.

**C: Lord in your mercy.**

**P:** Source of good government, please give our leaders the vision to see beyond party jockeying to the real needs of this nation. Show them the best way to develop the full potential of our people and to foster opportunities for the weak, the neglected and those seeking help.

**C: Lord in your mercy.**

P: Loving God, embrace your suffering children with almighty tenderness. Grant an infusion of your healing love, penetrating every tissue and cell, and recreating health and vigor in all your children.

**C: Lord in your mercy.**

P: Comforter of those who mourn, if you are still ready to turn water into wine, please take the burning and salty tears of human grief, and turn them into the wine of faith, hope and love.

**C: Lord in your mercy.**

P: Through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord we lift this up and whatever else is heavy in our hearts at this time (*pause*). Grant your peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you**

came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

### Offering Prayer

P: Living God, keep us faithful and committed to you. Help us willingly to give of ourselves and our possessions for use in your kingdom.

**C: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right to give thanks and praise.....and sing our unending praise.

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer.....Page 154

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a time to build our relationship with Jesus who is present with us in this meal. So come, all those with great faith and all those who are seeking, all those who have been here often and all those who have just come. Come, the Lord welcomes you to the table. We have gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine available and if you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn 1.....*One Bread, One Body*.....#496

### **Refrain:**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.**

### **Refrain.**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  
Refrain.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to  
one for all. Refrain.

Communion Hymn 2

*This King of Love My Shepherd Is.....#502*

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth  
never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul  
he leadeth and where the verdant pastures grow, with  
food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he  
sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home,  
rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord,  
beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross  
before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace

bestoweth; and, oh, what transport delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

### Communion Prayer

P: We thank you for gathering us up in your arms, snatching us from danger, and hiding our lives in Christ, ready to be revealed in glory when all is fulfilled and Christ is all and in all!

**C: Amen.**

### Blessing

P: Go now and walk in all God's ways. Keep your lives free from obsessions. Show hospitality to strangers. Pray for those who suffer. And may God be your strength; May Christ Jesus be for you a fountain of living water; and may the Holy Spirit raise you to life with all God's righteous ones. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*Send Forth By God's Blessing.....#547*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The  
supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this  
service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God  
and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall  
unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the  
tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—our faith ever  
sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children,  
the whole human race. With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life  
that we share. Then may all the living with praise and  
thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we  
bear.

P: Go in peace. Share God's love with all!

C: Thanks be to God.

# **Announcements!**

**Welcome:** Today we welcome Pastor James Gordon to Our  
Saviour's Lutheran Church, as Pastor Dorothy continues to

be gone on a Mission Trip to Tanzania. We are blessed to have him joining us in worship!

**Holy Baptism:** Today we welcome Auden Erich Klidzejs, son of Andy and Meggan Klidzejs, into our family of faith. His baptismal sponsors are Dan and Shanna Klidzejs. We pray for Auden and his family.

**Office Hours Change:** The church office will resume its normal operating hours starting on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday open 10:00am-1:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday open 7:00am-2:00pm.

**God's Work, Our Hands:** After worship on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be getting groups together to clean our area cemeteries. We will have one group at the Old Whitehall Cemetery and another at the Lincoln Cemetery. Make sure to bring your gloves and any clippers, trimmers, and small saws you may have. And of course wear your yellow T-shirts to let this community know how much you care!!!

**Rally Sunday** - On Sunday, September 11th, we will be holding Rally Sunday. This is a day we "rally" at church to kick off a new year of Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Study, and so much more!! There will be sign-up sheets for

upcoming events and many volunteer opportunities!

**Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits:** For August we will be collecting **Notebooks** (70 count wide rule), **Blunt scissors**, **Pink erasers**, **Ballpoint pens**, **Crayons** (16 or 24 count) **#2 Pencils**, **Rulers** (30 cm or in and cm), and **Pencil sharpeners** (hand held). We are also still in need of the following items to complete the Health and Baby Mission Kits: **Large Tooth Combs** (15-20), **Nail Clippers** (15-20), **Bars of soap**, **T-shirt/ Onesies** (10-15), **Gowns/Sleepers** (25+), **Hooded Sweatshirts/Jackets** (15+), and **Diapers**. Thanks to all who have already donated! God bless!

**Happy Birthday:** Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Leslie Laehn**, **Ervin Thompson**, **Cole Demulling**, **Lori Ives**, **June Harms**, **Ruby Herried**, **Gary Holen**, **Mandy Speerstra**, **Kurt Johnson**, **Jason Pronschinske**, and **Kristina Laehn**.

**Please pray for the following:** Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, David Sobotta, Nancy Martinovici, George Przybilla, Ronald Larson, Ivan Semb, Iva Gabriel, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Leslie Kampa, Ervin Thompson, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Ashley (Henrickson) Hodge, Brandon Betthausen, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Greg Pryzbilla, Nora and Lena

(Engen) Hafner, and Fred Chamberlain. **\*If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.**

**Coming Up This Week:**

**Wednesday** - Property and Finance Committee Meeting  
6:00pm

**Sunday** - Worship 9:30am

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Assisting in Worship today:

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**Communion Servers:** David and Linda Schaefer, Rita  
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**Videographer:** Thom Stephens