

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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17th Sunday after Pentecost Septemeber 20, 2026 Welcome !

It is wonderful to worship with you today !

All are welcome regardless of church affiliation – or no church affiliation – faith tradition – or no faith tradition. And we mean all ! Brown, Black, White, Yellow, young, old, single, married, divorced, gay, straight, republican, democrat, crying babies and screaming toddlers – whatever you are – you will be welcome here. No matter your gifts, abilities or struggles.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this service bulletin.

Restrooms can be found downstairs.

Feel free to take pictures, videos, post to social media, even during worship - it's OK ! We love sharing God's word and hope you will too !

Parents with small children are welcome to use the church entryway area (through the glass doors) for quiet time. There is a changing table in the Women's bathroom.

Welcome Prayer

please stand if you are able

Gathering Hymn

1. Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise him, our almighty King!"
Praise him angel hosts above,
Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice.
2. Warriors fighting for the Lord,
Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong
Add their voices to the song.
Kings of knowledge and of law,
To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait,
Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
3. Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem loud and bold,
And let children's happy hearts
In this worship take their parts;
From the north to southern pole
Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
Glory be to God alone!"

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through
faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All: Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Greeting
please stand if you are able

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

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray . . . Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, as we gather today, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen

Hymn of Praise

**1. Come, we that love the Lord
And let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne**

**We're marching to Zion
Beautiful, beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion
The beautiful city of God**

**2. Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high
To fairer worlds on high
We're marching to Zion
Beautiful, beautiful Zion
We're marching upward to Zion
The beautiful city of God**

please be seated

The Ministry of the Word

Jonah 3:10-4:11

New Revised Standard Version

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under

it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 145: 1-8

Lector: I will extol you, my God and King, and
bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you, and praise your
name forever and ever.**

Lector: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall laud your works to
another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Lector: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: The might of your awesome deeds shall be
proclaimed, and I will declare your great-
ness.**

Lector: They shall celebrate the fame of your
abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your
righteousness.

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to
anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Lesson

Philippians 1: 21-30

New Revised Standard Version

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

All: Thanks be to Go

Gospel Hymn *Part 1*

please stand if you are able

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed
to what is said by your Son. Alleluia.**

Reading of the Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20: 1-16

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

3 All: Glory to you, O Lord

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Gospel Hymn *Part 2*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

please be seated

Sermon Rev. Danielle McCleary

please stand for the hymn

Hymn of the Day

**1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.**

**2. The task thy wisdom has assigned,
Oh, let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my work thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.**

**3. Give me to bear thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;**

**4. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heav'n.**

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.**

The Prayers of the Church

*At the end of each petition of the prayer the Assistant
Minister shall say: Merciful God
Please respond with: **Receive our prayer***

*After the Assistant Minister's final petition, the
Pastor invites you to share prayers aloud or from
the silence of your hearts*

at the end of the prayers

Pastor: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you
Oh Faithful God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: **And also with you**

*With a smile and a wave, a handshake or hug,
we greet one another
with a sign of God's peace.*

Offering

*An offering is collected for the ministries and mission
of our congregation. You may also give online, use the
QR code below*



Offertory

*Sung by congregation
as the gifts are presented at the altar*

Please stand if you are able

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
To place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought,
But only as we're able.**

**Our hopes our dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.**

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray . . . O Mighty One

**All: God of creation, you send rain and
the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings
are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service
to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *spoken*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise..

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
From age to age your creation sings your praises.
You feed even the birds of the air,
and you clothe the fields with lilies.
You gave your blessing to Abraham and his descendants,
and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You fulfilled your covenant with us in Jesus.
He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son,
the star that guides us to wisdom,
the treasure hidden in a field.
He is the landowner who overpays the workers,
the judge who separates good from evil.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.
For us he lived, for us he died, for us he rose to eternal
life.
Then and now he invites us to your banquet.

On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread,
and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We hear his call, we repent our ways,
and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Send your Holy Spirit here on your gathered disciples.
Make of this meal the body and blood of forgiveness.
Heal us and grant us your righteousness,
that we may love you and serve our neighbors.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you,
our Creator in heaven,
the Rock on which we build,
the Dove leading us all.
We worship you and sing our praises,
today and to the end of the age.
Amen.

Pastor: As God's children, we boldly pray:

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Christ invites all to the table. Come and receive the Risen Lord. **Amen.**

*please
remain standing for the singing
of the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei *sung*

All: **Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Grant us - Grant us - Your peace**

please be seated

The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving
Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion;
children and those of other faiths are invited
to share the bread and a blessing.*

*Communion will be distributed in this fashion:
Please come to the front of the church to receive
the bread from the Pastor.*

*If you are seated on the **right** side of the church
please go to the **right** side communion rail.*

*If you are seated on the **left**
side go to the **left** side communion rail.
The Assistant Minister will follow with the cup.
Please dip your wafer into the wine when prompted.*

Communion Hymn

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.**

*When all have returned to their seats,
the congregation will please stand*

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

**All: For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AM: Let us pray, Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen

please be seated

Congregational Announcements

please stand for the Benediction and Closing Hymn

Benediction

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his face to you and give you peace. In the name of the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn

**1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior, as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.**

AM: The worship has ended, the service now begins.
Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



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17th Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

**Today - September 20, 2026
Pentecost 17 Sunday**

Worship
Fellowship

10:00 AM
11:00 AM

**Sunday - September 27, 2026
Pentecost 18 Sunday**

Worship
Worship Leadership Training

10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Worship - Online Worship Package - every Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Every Sunday at Noon we will continue to post our on-line worship service - it is NOT a live version of our Sunday worship, but a different experience tailored to watching and interacting at home. Thousands watch every week - watch it - share it - like it - comment!

These 30 minute worship videos are found on the church Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel or by going to the church web site and clicking on the button on the bottom right of the home page that says "Watch Live"

These videos are archived and can be watched 24/7.

We will no longer be showing worship live from the church building on a Sunday morning.

Arrivals and Departures . . .

Free Parking ~ Every Sunday
Available on the south side of 90th Avenue from 175 Street to 178 Street. You MUST display a yellow parking permit. To get a permit ask an usher - they are FREE!

Hand sanitizers are available in the entryway and in the bathrooms.



Contact Us . . .

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For any questions or concerns regarding the worship assistants schedule, please reach out to Leah Singh at 917-306-0098



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Worship Leadership Training

September 27th

New to serving or have been doing it for years, this training's for you. We'll dig into the practical stuff: reading Scripture with confidence, ushering with warmth and purpose, assisting in ministry, and new changes to the roles, plus the heart behind it all: helping people feel welcomed into God's presence. Come as you are, ready to learn and grow.

Join us following worship on Sunday, September 27th.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to plan for Harvest Sunday!



Our annual Harvest Sunday will be held on **November 15, 2026**.
To prepare for this day of abundance, join us for a Harvest planning meeting on **October 11, 2026** following worship.



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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Welcome !

If you are joining us for the first time today or if your personal information has changed, please use this tear-off card to help us keep in touch with you and let you know of all the great things happening at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

My Name _____

Address _____

Apartment _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

This is my:

- ☐ 1st time at worship
☐ 2nd time at worship

I would like more information on:

- ☐ Becoming a Member
☐ Baptizing my child
☐ I would like a Pastor to call
☐ Other _____

I am asking the church to pray for the following person or reason

- ☐ I would like these prayers to be kept confidential
- ☐ I would like these prayers to be added to the church prayer list to be read next Sunday morning during worship
(Names will be included for one week)

Please tear off this card and either

- place it in the offering plate
- give it to an usher



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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The Perfect church . . . for those who aren't !

This year marks our 103rd year of ministry in Queens.

Organized in 1923, Our Saviour Lutheran Church includes people from 26 nations of origin, gathered together to celebrate in Word and Sacrament the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to root our hope in the power of the Good News.

As a people who have been touched by God's love in Jesus Christ, we respond by giving our lives in friendship and service.

We are: A Joyful people !
 A Diverse people !
 Gathered for worship !
 Scattered for ministry !

Welcome !

Bend and tear off along this line

Worship Schedule

Worship every Sunday
10:00 AM

For more information
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