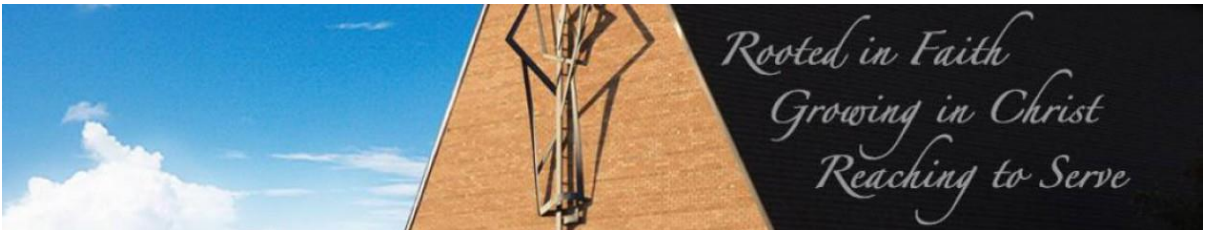


September 10, 2023

# Be the Light Sunday

## Intergenerational Worship and Sunday School



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Virginia, MN  
Pastor Liz Cheney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*Earth and All Stars Vs 1, 4, 5*

ELW 731

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

**KYRIE & THIS IS THE FEAST** (Found on page 184 & 187 of the ELW or here in the bulletin)

SING VERSES 1 & 2 OF THE KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME and BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/BAGS

SONG *This Little Light of Mine* ELW 677

FAITH FORMATION SKIT Directed by Nina Kampf

## GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ Be Our Light* ELW 715

APOSTLES CREED pg. 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.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

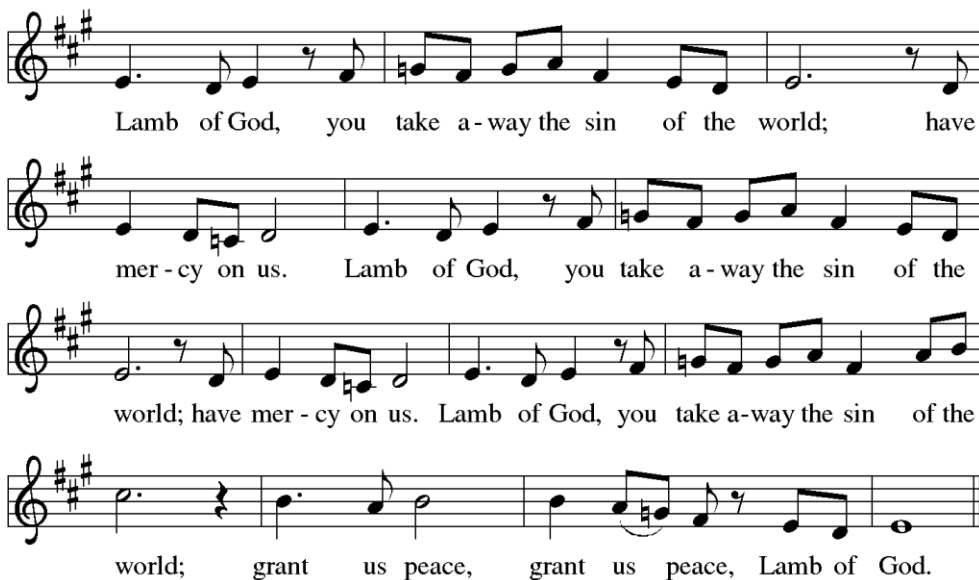
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. All are welcome!

## LAMB OF GOD

pg. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*As We Gather at Your Table  
In The Singing*

ELW 522  
ELW 466

## TABLE BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are  
satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING SONG

*Shine Jesus Shine*

ELW 671

## POTLUCK TABLE GRACE. Johnny Appleseed

Oooooooooooooooooo, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the  
things I need, the sun and the rain and the appleseed, the Lord is good to me. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Aaaaaaaaaaaaaamen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

## **We hold in our prayers**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Theodore (newborn baby) & family, Fred, Tedd, Diane, Adam, Chuck, Sue, Mike (esoph.cancer), Avery, Kate, Matt, Ken, Janet H., Ruth T., Hermine, Deb L., Marilee, Nancy, Diane, Matt, Ethan, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria. Call Ginny Ahrlin, prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-0056 for prayer needs.

**If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit,  
please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207**

### **Visitors and Friends**

We at Our Savior's practice open communion during Sunday Worship. Our Lord invites us to share a holy meal at His altar, and we understand that invitation to be open to all who wish to commune with us. You are therefore welcome to join us in our Lord's Supper.

If you prefer a Gluten Free wafer or juice, please let the Pastor/server know.

***A warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning! Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service. Today is Intergenerational Sunday school and Welcome Potluck for Pastor Liz. There are several activities to partake in as well!***

### **CONTACT US**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 – 5:00

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Variable for now – please make an appointment and office hours will be posted once Pastor Liz is settled in. Monday is her day off.

Pastor Liz – 218-780-8907 or lizcheney44@gmail.com

### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

**Church Secretary:** Colleen Brown

**Bookkeeper:** Carol Rutka

**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Ginny Ahrlin

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon





## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

### Welcome, Pastor Liz, to Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

**RALLY SUNDAY** *We're glad you're here!* Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during worship. Join us for a potluck after worship in the Fellowship Hall where our first intergenerational learning "Be the Light Sunday" will take place: we will be creating backpack tags with the children.

**SAVE THE DATE** WELCA will host a **Fall Festival** Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm with a pie social, bake sale, treats for children, and "Household Treasures" Sale! You may donate gently used & clean items for the sale (think of kitchen gadgets, decorating items, household tools, but nothing dirty & broken). Please leave items at a table in the back of the Fellowship Hall on the left. *Board Members with all the info: Marcia Aluni, Nancy Fisher, Judy Peliska, Gloria Gagnon, Jackie Witty.*

**PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Your help is needed! We have begun scraping and repainting the outside window frames. We will need scrapers, sanders, dusters, tapers, primers, and paint finishers. Please see Alice Skaudis, Judy Bidle, or Mark Ongalo for a schedule of times.

**WELCA LAURENTIAN CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING** Ladies of the congregation, the **Laurentian WELCA Fall Gathering** is being held in Babbitt this year @ the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Come see what it's all about! See Marcia Aluni, WELCA President, for times & information.

**NEW PROJECT** WELCA is seeking donations for our LWR school kits. See the sign-up sheet by the display in the Narthex. **Please be sure to get exactly what is described, no substitutes!**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** *There are donors who are matching your funds.* LWR is helping, through you, to meet the needs of people in **Hawaii, Ukraine, Turkey, Somalia, and areas hit by recent hurricanes.** You can send donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, or call LWR @ 800-638-3522.* Your help brings needed medical supplies, health services, shelter, food, etc. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – And visit [LWR.ORG/UKRAINE-CRISIS](http://LWR.ORG/UKRAINE-CRISIS).**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEK** The sign-up sheet is available to assist into the fall, as well as for serving Coffee! Take a look at the narthex round table and see if there are open dates you may be available to serve. ***If you have signed up already, look at the sheet on the narthex table to reconfirm your dates to serve!***

**OSLC INFORMATION:** *Thank you for being here today. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship - feel free to use them! Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. You are also welcome to utilize the "Youth Room" down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed. During the week, Church Office hours are 10am – 5:00 Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday. Lunches are usually taken by staff between 12-12:30/12:30-1:00. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 (if we do not answer, leave us a voice message so we can get back to you promptly).*



**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** Susan Schroers is sponsoring today's broadcast, in honor of her grandchildren. Thank you! If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.** Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities, or at home and unable to attend in person, thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM at 9:30 am Sundays.

**THIS WEEK:**

**WELCA Board Meeting:** This Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am in the Fireside Room.

**Quilting:** Wednesdays, 9:30am – 2/3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**FunDuhMentals Bible Study:** This Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm in the Fireside Room!

**Council Meeting:** Changed to this Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall.

**Prayer Meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am, in the Sanctuary

