



AUGUST 31, 2025
10:00AM



WELCOME!

Opening Song

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C. **who made heaven and earth.**

P. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C. **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P. Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C. **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Worship Songs

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

²*It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.*
³*As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.*
⁴*Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;*
⁵*take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.*
⁶*Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,*
⁷*for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.*
What your eyes have seen
⁸*do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?*
⁹*Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,*
¹⁰*lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.*

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹*Let brotherly love continue.* ²*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* ³*Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.* ⁴*Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.* ⁵*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."* ⁶*So we can confidently say,*

*"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"*

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in 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 table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sermon

Pastor Patrick Singh

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Dear Lord, at Your gracious invitation, we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls, and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Distribution**Communion Songs:****Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song**Dismissal**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:00 in the Fellowship Room (or on the patio, weather permitting). The class concludes in time for the 10 a.m. worship service. Mark Stuart, one of our Elders, will lead this Sunday's Bible Class in a discussion of the readings chosen for this Sunday. (Genesis 15:1-5, Hebrews 11:1-16 and Like 12:22-34). Beginning next Sunday, August 17, the topic for discussion will be Prayer - a five part series based on the Lord's Prayer and led by Tom Roemke.

Visit from Missionaries: Ben and Ella Goehring are LCMS missionaries who are being sent to Romania. They will join us this coming Sunday to speak about their coming missionary trip. Please join us at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room to hear how the Lord is using them. The Goehrings will also speak briefly at Sunday's worship service.

Installation of Teachers and Staff: On Sunday, September 7th, we will install the teachers and staff of Our Savior's Christian School as they begin another school year. The service will be followed by a cook-out providing an opportunity to meet and encourage our teachers. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share as you are able.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: rice, cereal, pasta and crackers.

Food and Fellowship will be offered after Sunday's service. We will be grilling hot dogs and providing an opportunity for food and fellowship on our patio following the 10 a.m. worship service. Consider joining us and invite others to come also.

Sunday Morning Church Services will continue into September and for the coming months as a **single service at 10:00am** as they have been over these past summer months. The church elders, along with Pastor Singh and Vicar Mark will continue to evaluate and discern service times and opportunities in the months ahead. Please reach out to them with any questions, comments, and/or ideas you may have.

Greeters Needed: Contact Linda Schmit (518/334-0156) if you are willing to serve as a greeter, welcoming people as they enter church before the worship service. A friendly greeting helps to set the tone for a caring community.

Women's Bible Class led by Cheryl Pangburn will begin on Wednesday, Sept 10, 10-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All women are invited to this Bible study held on Wednesday mornings.

A Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 20th, 8:30-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Our guest speaker will be Pastor David Blackstone of Vintage Church. Some may remember Pastor Dave as "Crocodile Dave" in our VBS this summer. All men are invited for this time of tasty food, good fellowship, inspiring worship and a challenging testimony. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. Sign up in the narthex or contact Tom Roemke if you plan on coming. Invite other men to join you.

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email:

mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email (patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

Prayer needs:

Healing: Barbara Bruso, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Anne Kocsis, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Nora Schoonmaker, George Swint, Eric Unright, Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

-Homebound: Inge Glidden

in **Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

-Prayer for hope, healing and peace for the many members of Our Savior's family who are suffering from a variety of health issues. Pray also for those who are caring for their sick loved ones.

-SonRise Lutheran Church, Pottersville NY (a sister congregation in the Atlantic District). Thank God for this mission outpost in the Adirondacks as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year under the leadership of Pastor Bruce Rudolf

This Mornings Servers:

Worship Leaders: Tom Aery

Reader: Tom Aery

Communion Servers: Mark Stuart & Andy Cross

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Looking forward to next Sunday --(7 September 2025)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 18C)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–35

Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “*bear his own cross*” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “*all that he has*” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “*his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life*” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “*life and good, death and evil*” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “*choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him*” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “*that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord*” (Philemon 14).

Contact us

Church office phone: (518)459-2248

Email – Information@oursaviors.com

Website - oslalbany.org



Secretary – Linda Swartz

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10:30am - 3:30pm

Vicar Mark Chaffee

Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays – 9:00am – noon. You may also reach Cell phone: 518-763-1085

Email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

Pastor Patrick Singh

Part-time vacancy pastor providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark.

Cell phone: 917-254-2597

E email (patrick204642003@yahoo.com)

Council President: Thomas Roemke

Head of School: John Richardson

School Office phone: 518-459-2273

Support Our Savior's Lutheran Church

To make your offering: Simply scan the QR code



or mail checks directly to the church office at:

63 Mountain View Ave Albany, NY 12205.

Thank you for your support!

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalm 100:4)





THE
ATLANTIC DISTRICT
of THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

7 Farragut Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706-2304
ph +1.914.337.5700
ad-lcms.org

Greetings in Christ Jesus our Redeemer and Lord.

Especially after the recent horrific attack of students, faculty, and staff while they were praying during the school day in Minneapolis, the words of this hymn by Joy Patterson (b. 1931) may provide a helpful focus for us:

When aimless violence takes those we love,
When random death strikes childhood's promise down,
When wrenching loss becomes our daily bread,
We know, O God, You leave us not alone.

Because Your Son knew agony and loss,
Felt desolation, grief and scorn and shame,
We know You will be with us, come what may,
Your loving presence near, always the same.

Through long grief-darkened days help us, dear Lord,
To trust Your grace for courage to endure,
To rest our souls in Your supporting love,
And find our hope within Your mercy sure.

("When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love," Lutheran Service Book 764:1,4,5)

As we pray for all victims and for all who mourn, let us seek our Lord for safety, healing, strength, and justice that come through the crucified, risen, ascended, and returning Lord Jesus Christ, especially as many people are returning to schools throughout the Atlantic District.

"and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me." (Psalm 50:15 ESV)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You are in my prayers. Our Lord bless and keep you.

Peace and hope in Christ Jesus,

