



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR

GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

10:00AM



WELCOME!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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 merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all.

Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

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).)

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it – to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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.**

Installation of Teachers, Staff, and Other Instructors in the Faith

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as the Teachers, Staff, and Instructors of Faith at Our Savior's, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. If you will commit to the commission I offer, please answer at the end with the statement, "I will."

As those who are called to stand in the place of parents throughout the school day, will you agree to train your students in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? Will you love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and train your students likewise? Will you impress the words of God upon your heart and on your soul, and teach them to your students? Following the command of the greatest teacher, Jesus Christ our Lord, will you heed the call to go and make disciples, beginning with the students God has gifted you with? Will you accept the position entrusted to you, and promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Church?

If so, then answer: I will.

R. *I will.*

P Congregation, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We will.

C *We will.*

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17)

I install you as *Teachers and Staff* at Our Savior's in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Offering I Offer My Life

by Don Moen and Claire Cloninger

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Service of the Sacrament +

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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.

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 Brown 580 Jesus Calls Us

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 School began today. Children in preschool (age 3) through sixth grade are encouraged to come. Classes are held from 9-10 a.m. in the preschool cafeteria (S122 room on the first floor of the school) and the resource room (S211 room on the second floor of the school)

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 this coming Wednesday, Sept 10, 10-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All women are invited to this Bible study held weekly 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.

Save the Dates (More details on these events will be coming):

October 10-11: Men's Retreat at Camp Pinnacle

October 18: Women's Brunch

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: Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Anne Kocsis, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Nora Schoonmaker, George Swint, Eric Unright, Al & 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

Comfort and Support: Tom and Jan Aery and family

-Pray for John Richardson, Headmaster/Principal of Our Savior's Christian School. Thanksgiving for John's leadership and team building. Prayer for continued wisdom as he moves forward in response to the Lord's leading.

-Pray for Vicar Mark Chaffee as he continues his studies in the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program while faithfully serving God's people here at Our Savior's.

This Mornings Servers:

Worship Leaders: Pam Reynolds & Heather Baird

Reader: Brian Dollard

Communion Servers: Ike Wallace, Tom Roemke

Pray-ers: Marlow & Ellyne Olson,

Ushers: Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard

We are grateful for all of Teachers, Staff, and other Instructors in the Faith here at Our Savior's!

Name	Position
❖ Samantha Abbott	4 year old Preschool Teacher
❖ Veronica Alaimo	Director of Enrollment & Marketing
❖ Sarah Alfons	Receptionist
❖ Jonathan Belschwinder	Middle School ELA and Social Studies Teacher
❖ Sammie Belschwinder	Kindergarten Aide
❖ Jennifer Blackstone	Bookkeeper & Cafeteria Director
❖ Grace Bombard	4 year old Preschool Teacher
❖ Alma Brustle	Office Manager & Accounts Manager
❖ Brittany Caruana	Preschool Aide
❖ Jennifer Cassel	Middle School Spanish Teacher & Librarian
❖ Joseph Cassel	K-8th Grade Music Teacher
❖ Chelsea Danei	Middle School Bible Teacher & Study Skills
❖ Lisa DeRose	Cafeteria Manager & Preschool Early Care
❖ Gretchen DiCocco	4th Grade Teacher
❖ Stacie Duke	K-5th Grade Physical Education Teacher
❖ Shauna Fawcett	4 year old Preschool Teacher
❖ Rizzi Feliz	Aftercare Aide
❖ Janice Gauriloff	Kindergarten Teacher
❖ Bryan Goldberg	Athletic Director
❖ Timothy Isgro	IT Director
❖ Betsy Kocsis	2nd Grade Teacher
❖ Jessica Lamson	3rd Grade Teacher
❖ Cathie-Rose Michaud	Preschool Director
❖ Alicia Murray	1st Grade Teacher
❖ Noreen Powell	Middle School Art Teacher
❖ John Richardson	Head of School
❖ Anthony Rodriguez	4 year old PreK Aide, Aftercare Coordinator
❖ Jinette Rodriguez	3 year old PreK Aide
❖ Laura Santos	Interventionist
❖ Susan Sharkey	3 year old Preschool Teacher
❖ Matthew Sindoni	Middle School Math & Physical Education
❖ Becky Sommer	K-8th Grade Lead, Middle School Science
❖ Reilly Tebbano	5th Grade Teacher
❖ Ike Wallace	Early Care

Sunday School teachers:

- ❖ Gwen Alexander
- ❖ Amy Chaffee
- ❖ Linda Hoffman

Looking forward to next Sunday --September 14, 2025

HOLY CROSS DAY

Numbers 21:4–9

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

John 12:20–33

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is *“lifted up from the earth, will draw all people”* to Himself (John 12:32). *“He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”* to save us (Phil. 2:8). *“Everyone who is bitten”* by the ancient serpent’s venom of sin, *“when he sees”* Christ *“shall live”* (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. *“We preach Christ crucified the power of God and the wisdom of God,”* though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, *“through the folly”* of the cross we preach, *“to save those who believe”* (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

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*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!” (Psalm 100:4)*

