



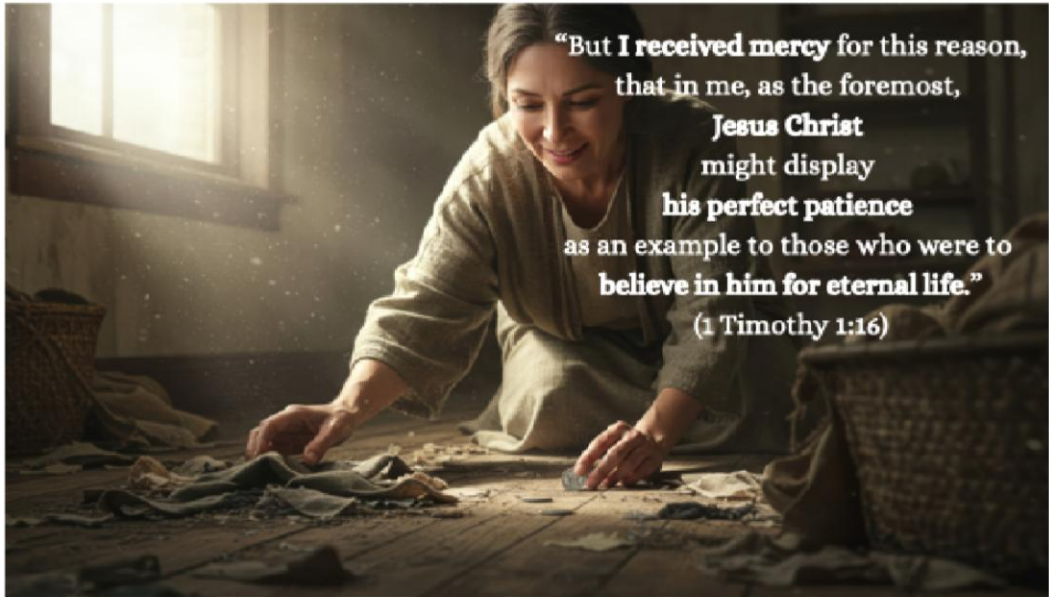
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR

GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

10:00AM



WELCOME!

Opening Song LSB 19 Fairest Lord Jesus

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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism you declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. C **Amen.**

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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.**

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

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:5–17

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Vicar Mark Chaffe

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Songs: Brown 338 Savior Like a Savior Lead Us
Brown 345 Like a Lamb Who Needs the Shepherd

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 LSB 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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 for children in preschool (age 3) through sixth grade meets from 9-10 a.m.

OSL Singers at Promenade: We will have an opportunity to minister through music to residents of Promenade, an assisted living facility on Western Ave, Albany on Friday, September 19th, from 10-11 a. m. If you are interested in singing with the residents, please come. Contact Al Walck for more information.

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.

A Prayer Gathering will be held this coming Wednesday, September 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel. If you are unable to come in person, you may participate via Zoom. Vicar Mark will provide the link.

A Voters Assembly will be held on Sunday, September 28th, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All voting members are encouraged to come and participate.

Women's Bible Class led by Cheryl Pangburn will be held this coming Wednesday, Sept 17, 10-11 a.m. in the first floor study of the parsonage. All women are invited to this Bible study held weekly on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you everyone for making Sundays picnic a success. Thanks to those who came early to help setup (even the kids were a great help). Thanks for the donations of great food and for those who helped with, cooking, serving and the cleanup.

Thanks again the Hospitality/Fellowship Group

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

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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 Cathie-Rose Michaud, Preschool Director of Our Savior's Christian School. Give Cathie-Rose wisdom and sensitivity as she guides the preschool teachers and connects with the parents of the young children attending Our Savior's School.

-Pray for the Music Ministry at Our Savior's: for Heather Baird, our choir director and all the choir members (may their numbers increase!), for Pam Reynolds, our organist and for Tom Aery and other members of the worship team. May they continue to lead us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

This Mornings Servers:

Worship Leaders: Pam Reynolds & Heather Baird

Communion Servers: Travis & Melissa Coon

Pray-ers: Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

Ushers: Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19C) (21 September 2025)

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, *"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges *"that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people"* (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray *"without anger or quarreling,"* but *"adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control"* (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget *"the poor of the land"* (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. *"For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God"* (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves *"before men,"* God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are *"not strong enough to dig,"* and we are *"ashamed to beg"* (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His *"eternal dwellings"* (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even *"the sons of this world"* (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

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

