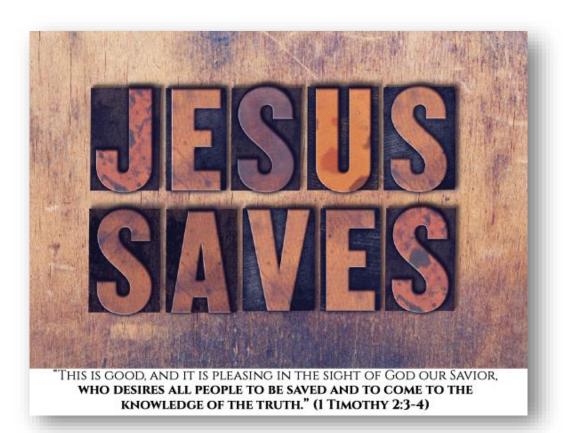


# GATHERING IN COMMUNITY GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 10:00AM



# **Opening Worship Song**

#### Invocation

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

C Amen.

#### Confession & Declaration of Grace

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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**

Amos 8:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# **Epistle**

1 Timothy 2:1-15

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or

costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 16:1-15

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God from very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Patrick Singh

**Prayers of the Church** 

Offering

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. C Amen.

## 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 Hymns:** Brown 13, Brown 14

## **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the lifegiving 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. **Amen.** 

**Closing Hymn:** LSB 272 All Creatures of Our God and King **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 preschool (age 3) through 6th grade meets from 9-10 am.

**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.

**Men's Retreat:** All men from Our Savior's and their male friends are encouraged to sign up for a Men's Retreat at Camp Pinnacle on October 10-11.

The theme for the Retreat is: Building Stronger Families with Spiritual Men You may register on line through the church website: <u>oslalbany.org</u>. Come for a weekend of spiritual growth, inspiration and fellowship with brothers in Christ.

Our Savior's Ladies Fall Brunch As we settle into fall schedules, please plan ahead for this special event on Saturday, Oct 18th from 10am - noon and sign-up soon! "God's Bounty" is our theme and Sherine Singh, Pastor Singh's wife, will give her testimony. Our menu will include eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, orange juice, assorted savory and sweet options and, not to forget, gluten and dairy free options. We encourage attendees, as you are able, to bring canned/shelf stable food donations and/or personal care hygiene items to help stock Our Savior's Food Pantry for the approaching holiday season. Please RSVP by Friday, October 9th. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex or you may contact Arletta by cell: 518-441-4808 or email <a href="mailto:Arfinger@hotmail.com">Arfinger@hotmail.com</a>. The Word, music, fellowship, food, and sharing the goodness of God's bounty as we grow in Christ's love. We give you all thanks and praise, Lord Jesus, for this opportunity to gather, grow and go! See you there!

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: <a href="mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com">mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com</a> 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 (<a href="mark.204642003@yahoo.com">patrick204642003@yahoo.com</a> 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

# **This Mornings Servers:**

Worship Leaders: Pam Reynolds & Tom Aery

Reader: Tim Zuelsdorf

Communion Servers: Mark Stuart & Andy Cross

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Ushers: Jim Ryan, Joe Lenge, Teri Zuelsdorf

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21C) (28 September 2025)

Amos 6:1–7

1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19-31

## Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried" (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be "in anguish" (Luke 16:25). Therefore, "woe to those who are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1), for "the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away" (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged "not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches," but "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and "a root of all kinds of evils" (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has "great gain" in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

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