



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

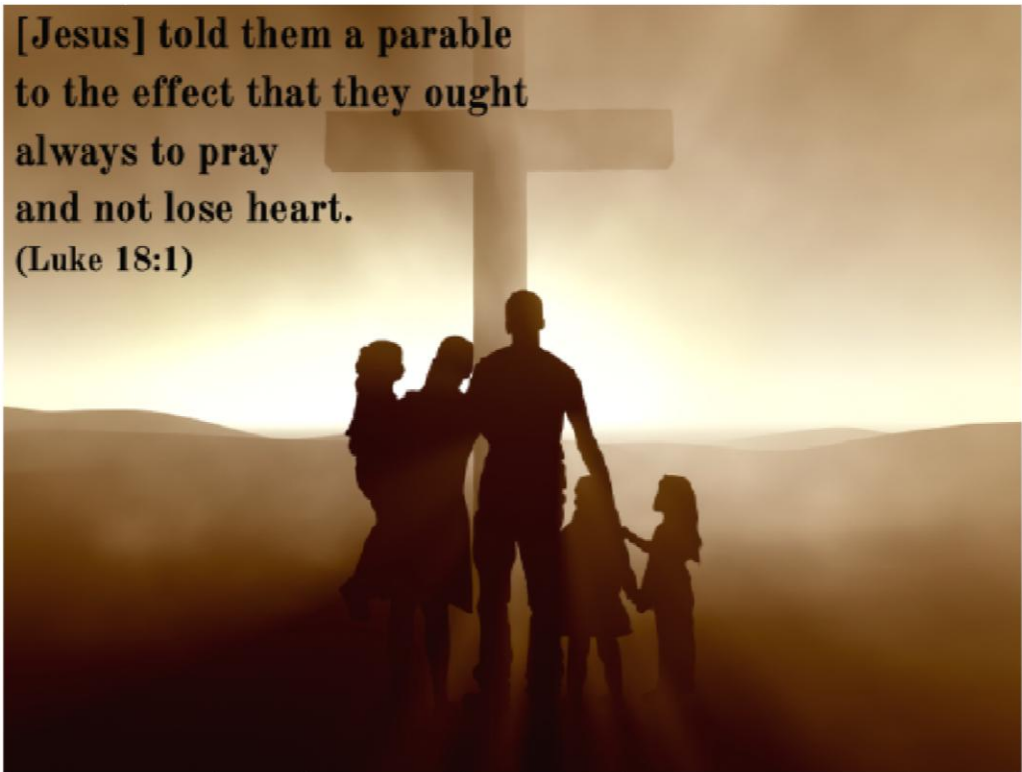
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR

GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

OCTOBER 19, 2025

10:00AM

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to the effect that they ought
always to pray
and not lose heart.
(Luke 18:1)**



Welcome

Opening Hymn: Glory Be to God the Father, LSB 506

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.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 Chaffee

Prayers of the Church

Offering Choir anthem: *My Song in the Night*, arr. Paul Christiansen

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.

The Words of Our Lord

C 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.

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
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world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Communion Songs: My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Brown Hymnal 188
Teach Me to Pray, Brown Hymnal 314
Be Thou My Vision, Brown Hymnal 8

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; for He lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Hymn Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way, LSB 859

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)

Portals of Prayer for October-December are now available in the narthex. Please help yourself to this daily devotional booklet and take extra copies for your friends.

Sunday morning Bible Class is viewing and discussing a RightNow Media series entitled *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* presented by Louie Giglio. Our head elder Brian Dollard facilitates discussion on this topic. All are encouraged to join the Bible Class that meets in the Fellowship Room at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

A Voters Assembly : A Voters Assembly will be held after church on Sunday, October 26th, to consider a recommendation to call Vicar Mark Chaffee to serve as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church after his ordination as pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Vicar Mark is halfway through the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program through Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne and will be ordained and eligible for a call in 2026. Please plan on attending this important Voters Assembly.

New: **Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13, 2026. Volunteers are needed for this event, including: buddies for our guests, decorations, set up and take down, security, parking, making and handing out corsages, hosting parents and caregivers in the respite room, and more. Sign up as a NTS Volunteer on the church website: oslalbany.org.

Also - support Night To Shine at a *Friends Helping Friends* shopping event at Boscov's the Wednesday, October 22nd. Coupons for a 25% discount that day are available for \$5 - all proceeds from the sale of coupons will support our Night To Shine. See Tom Roemke for the coupons.

The Night To Shine Spaghetti Supper has been postponed until November 15th in our school cafeteria. Spread the word, and contact Nicole Carlson if you can help with this fundraiser.

New Email: The Church Office has a new email. Please use oslsecretary@oursavior's now and not OSLOffice@aol.com.

Taste of Korea sponsored by Good News Church, Albany, will be held at Our Savior's on Saturday, November 1st, noon until 5. All are invited to come and enjoy the Korean cooking and other activities planned for that afternoon.

Clergy Appreciation Month. We are blessed by the loving pastoral care, wise counsel and inspiring preaching provided by Vicar Mark and Pastor Patrick. Hopefully, we express our appreciation to these faithful servants on a regular basis. However, this month is a special time to send notes or cards of appreciation to these faithful men (and their wives) for their ministry among us.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 25C) (26 October 2025)

Genesis 4:1–15

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–17

In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ

Jesus tells a parable “*to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous*” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “*down to his house justified, rather than the other*” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “*even infants,*” come to Jesus with their need, and they “*receive the kingdom of God*” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “*the one who humbles himself will be exalted,*” but “*everyone who exalts himself will be humbled*” (Luke 18:14). That is why “*the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard*” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “*poured out as a drink offering,*” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “*the message might be fully proclaimed*” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “*have loved his appearing*” and as repentant sinners pray to “*the Lord, the righteous judge*” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

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.



Our Savior's Daily Bread Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have contributed time and donated items to our food pantry! We are truly blessed to be a blessing and are happy to serve our neighbors by providing for their needs. We are currently supporting 4 families within our neighborhood and church community. Please contact Heather Baird if you would like to serve in this ministry. Collection boxes for the pantry are located in the church Breezeway and in the entryway outside of the church office. Please help us continue to stock the pantry with the following needed staple items, and items that will be an added blessing during the upcoming Holidays. Donations of checks (made out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and indicated for Food Pantry) and gift cards are also welcome.

October 19- Pie crust mix, canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling, evaporated milk, cornbread or biscuit mixes, pudding or jello mixes

October 26- Flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vinegar

November 2- Instant coffee and powdered creamer, box of tea bags, hot chocolate packets, shelf stable milk

Blessed to be a Blessing!



PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Lynn Currier, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Anne Kocsis, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, 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

-Prayer for Alicia Murray, teacher of the first graders at Our Savior's Christian School
Thank God for the ways Alicia leads her students in joyous worship throughout the day, drawing them closer to their loving Savior.

-Clergy Appreciation Month: Thank God for all the pastors serving churches in the Atlantic District. May they be filled with joy and not grow weary in service. May their ministry bear fruit in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

This Mornings Servers:

Worship Leader: Heather Baird

Reader: Tim Zuelsdorf

Communion Servers: Andy Cross & Mark Stuart

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Ushers: Jim Ryan, Joe Lenge, Teri Zuelsdorf

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

