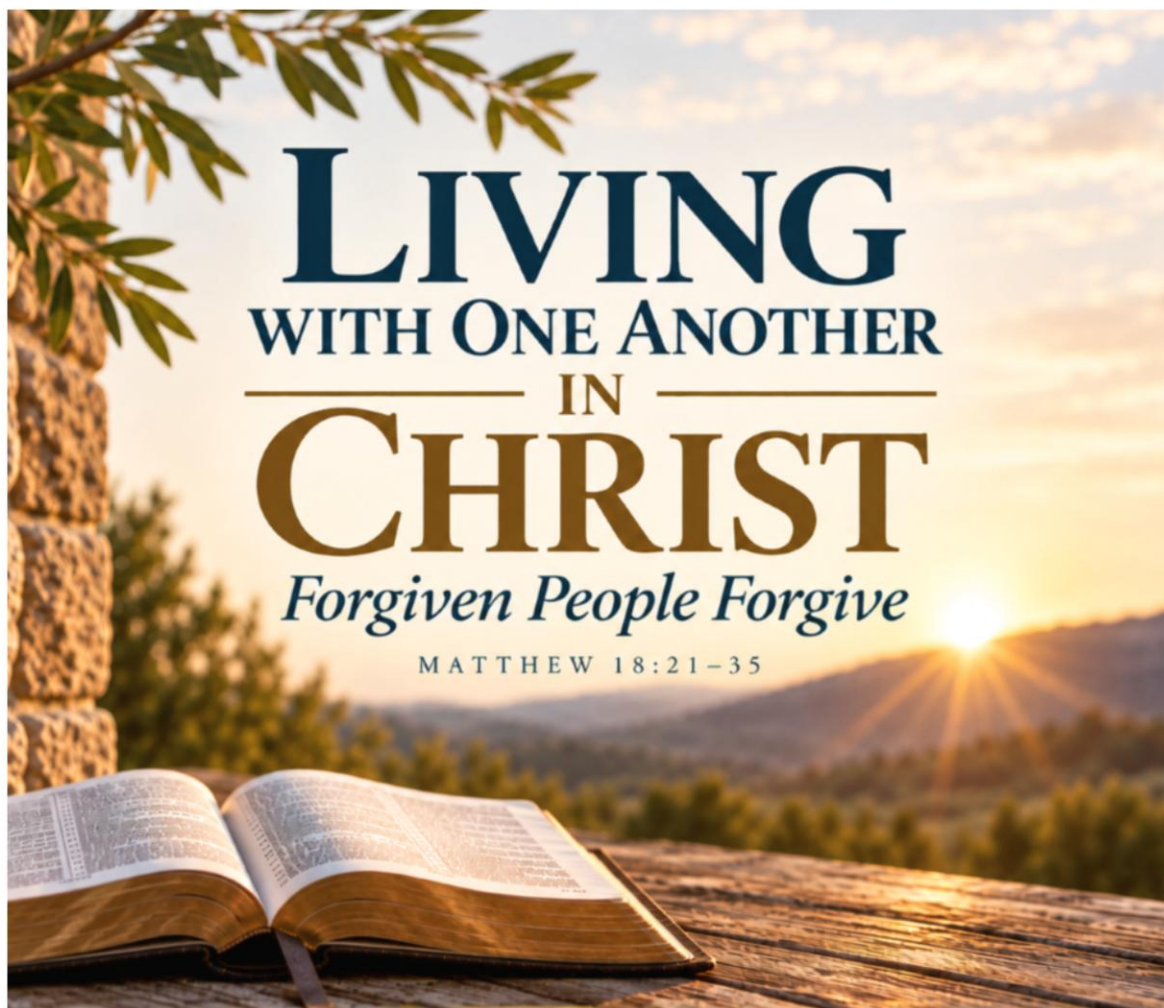




SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
10:00AM



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21 | Psalm 103: 1-12 | Romans 14:1-12 | Matthew 18:21-35

Welcome!

Opening Song Brown Hymnal 256 Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

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.

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

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 God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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).)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And

now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–12

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!
²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,
⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle’s.
⁶The LORD works | righteousness*
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.
⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
¹²as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Sung Response to the Psalm: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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 Mark Chaffee

Sung Response to the Sermon: Amazing Grace (stanzas 1 & 3)

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, staff, and instructors in the faith at Our Savior's, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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.

C Amen.

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us. **The Lord's Prayer**

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:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with 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 Song Lutheran Service Book 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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)

Picnic this Sunday: All are invited to stay for a picnic following today's worship service, giving us an opportunity to greet and encourage the teachers and staff of Our Savior's Christian School. Please come and enjoy this fellowship time.

Installation of Teachers: The teachers of Our Savior's Christian School and Our Savior's Sunday School will be installed during the worship service this morning. Pray for these teachers and celebrate their ministry to children in our school and Sunday School. A reception will be held after the worship service in honor of the teachers.

Our Savior's Christian School Faculty & Staff

- † **Samantha Abbott** — PreK 4 Teacher
- † **Veronica Alaimo** — Director of Enrollment & Marketing
- † **Sarah Alfons** — Administrative Assistant
- † **Jonathan Belschwinder** — Middle & High School Social Studies and High School Bible Teacher
- † **Sammie Belschwinder** — Kindergarten Aide
- † **Jennifer Blackstone** — Bookkeeper
- † **Grace Bombard** — PreK 3B, Middle & High School Art Teacher
- † **Alma Brustle** — Office & Accounts Manager
- † **Jennifer Cassel** — Middle School Spanish Teacher & Librarian
- † **Chelsea Danei** — Middle School Bible & 6th Grade ELA Teacher
- † **Lisa DeRose-Bradley** — Lunch Program
- † **Gretchen DiCocco** — 4th Grade Teacher
- † **Shauna Fawcett** — PreK 3B Teacher
- † **Rizzi Feliz** — Teacher's Aide
- † **Janice Gauriloff** — Kindergarten Teacher
- † **Bryan Goldberg** — Athletic Director
- † **Betsy Kocsis** — 2nd Grade Teacher
- † **Jessica Lamson** — 3rd Grade Teacher
- † **Joelle McDonough** — Interim P.E. Teacher & Early Care

† **Cathie-Rose Michaud** — Preschool Director
† **Liz O'Clair** — 1st Grade Teacher
† **John Richardson** — Principal
† **Anthony Rodriguez** — PreK 4 Aide & Afterschool Coordinator
† **Jinette Rodriguez** — PreK 3A Aide
† **Laura Santos** — Reading Interventionist
† **Susan Sharkey** — PreK 3A Teacher
† **Matthew Sindoni** — Middle & High School P.E. & Math Teacher
† **Becky Sommer** — Middle & High School Science & Math Teacher
† **Reilly Tebbano** — 5th Grade Teacher
† **Sarah Teubl** — Music Teacher
† **Kacey Waite** — 7th-9th Grade ELA Teacher
† **Ike Wallace** — Morning Greeter

Sunday School Teachers

† **Gwen Alexander**
† **Arin Cross**
† **Andy Cross**
† **Jackie Frank**
† **Linda Hoffman**

Confirmation Teachers

† **Amy Chaffee**
† **Brian Dollard**

Community Event - Living Proof Albany Crusade: The Living Proof Albany Crusade with Mario Murillo will be held September 13-16 at 6:30 p.m. nightly at the Altamont Fairgrounds, Rt. 146 at Arlington St., Altamont. Admission and parking are free. For additional information, visit the event website - www.mariomurillo.org

A Prayer Gathering will be held this coming Wednesday, September 16th, 7-8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel. This Prayer Gathering led by Elders on the first and third Wednesday of each month is open to all. If you are unable to participate in person, please join on line, via a Zoom link that will be provided by Pastor Mark.

SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP: Our Savior's will be starting home-based Small Groups beginning in October. These Small Groups will meet for six weeks, gathering around a study of the book of Philippians. Prayerfully consider participating in this time of fellowship, spiritual growth and mutual ministry. Sign up sheets for Small Groups are in the breezeway. Indicate your preferred day and time and also if you are willing to host a Small Group or serve as a facilitator.

Thank you: Helen Walck and her family want to thank everyone who helped with Al's funeral and the luncheon following. Thank you to the volunteers who handled the setup, food and cleanup and to everyone who provided the delicious desserts. Your care and hard work were a beautiful blessing to our family – truly God's love in action

Clothes for Conifer Park. One of the ministries supported by Our Savior's is Conifer Park, a drug rehabilitation center. Vern Milkins, Ike Wallace and others are directly involved in leading Sunday worship services at Conifer and regularly bring Bibles to the residents. The residents are also in need of clothing. Donated clothing may be put in the coat room at church. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Transportation to Church. We are pleased to report that **an additional volunteer driver has stepped forward** to help provide rides to church—thank you! We currently have individuals needing rides from the following areas:

- **Schenectady** – near the intersection of **State Street (Central Avenue) and Route 7** (approximately **17 minutes** from Our Savior's).
- **Albany** – near the intersection of **Central Avenue, Manning Boulevard, and Clinton Avenue** (approximately **7 minutes** from Our Savior's).
- **Albany** – just off **Central Avenue** (approximately **4 minutes** from Our Savior's).
- **West Albany/Schenectady area** – near **Central Avenue west of Route 155** (approximately **20 minutes** from Our Savior's).
- **Colonie** – near **Shaker High School** (approximately **17 minutes** from Our Savior's).
- **Troy** – near **RPI** (approximately **15–20 minutes** from Our Savior's).

If you need a ride to church—or can help provide a ride please contact Dave McMullan at (518) 252-1071. What a wonderful way to help a brother or sister in Christ gather with us for worship!

Our Savior's Christian School 70th Anniversary: Our Savior's Christian School will celebrate its 70th Anniversary this fall! Our church family has an exciting opportunity to come alongside the school community to help plan a special celebration to mark this milestone. We are looking for a few members of our church family who would be willing to serve on the 70th Anniversary Planning Committee. If you are interested in helping plan this special event celebrating the school's 70 years of ministry, please contact Jerilyn Hans at 518-852-9344 or jerilynhans@gmail.com.

Pastor 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 email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Barb Bruso, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Patrick O'Brien, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

in Assisted Living: Marga Hildenbrandt, Helen Walck

SERVERS

Organist: Pam Reynolds

Greeter: Sandy Gansle

Communion: Marlow & Ellyne Olson

Pray-ers: Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

Reader: Greg Schoonmaker

Ushers: Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (20 September 2026)

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12-15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

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