



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:00AM

The Master Keeps Going Out

GRACE REACHES FURTHER
THAN WE IMAGINE

MATTHEW 20:1-16

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Opening Song: Lutheran Service Book 811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

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.

Kyrie

LSB 152

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

LSB 154

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

PLet 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).)

Worship

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts."

AThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am

doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

Offering Salvation Belongs to Our God Composer: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner
Arr. David T. Clydesdale

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

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:

Brown Hymnal 53 More About Jesus

Brown Hymnal 327 Trust and Obey,

Brown Hymnal 435 I Love to Tell the Story,

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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 664 Fight the Good Fight.

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)

New evening Bible study exploring the Torah Beginning Friday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. and continuing for 8 weeks, Marlow Olson and Peter Kemmer will lead a new evening Bible study exploring the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – and its connection to God's unfolding plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. The study will begin with some foundational questions: Who is God? Who are we? What is God's covenant, and how does Abraham fit into His plan? From there, the group will explore Moses, the Exodus, Genesis, the sacrificial system, the biblical festivals, and how these Old Testament foundations point forward to their fulfillment in the New Covenant. Whether these portions of Scripture are familiar to you or you would simply like to understand them more deeply, you are invited to come, bring your Bible, and join the conversation.

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.

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.

UPCOMING: Mark Your Calendar:

Wednesday, October 7th: Midweek Service 11 a.m. followed by Lunch

Friday, October 9th: Women's Dessert Night 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Sunday, October 11th: Voters Assembly following the Worship Service

Saturday, October 17th: Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

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 – about a mile away from the Blue Ribbon Diner on State St., about 17 minutes from OSL**
- **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!

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

Greeters: Cheryl Pangburn & Eileen Wheeler

Communion: Mike Irmer & Peter Kemmer

Pray-ers: Ray & Linda Hoffman

Reader: Andy & Arin Cross

Ushers: Joe Lenge & Terri Zuelsdorf

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (27 September 2026)

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32, Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18, Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *“The soul who sins shall die”* (Ezek. 18:4).

However, because the Lord has *“no pleasure in the death of anyone”* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *“shall surely live; he shall not die”* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *“he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death”* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *“shine as lights in the world”* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *“the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God”* (Matt. 21:31–32).

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