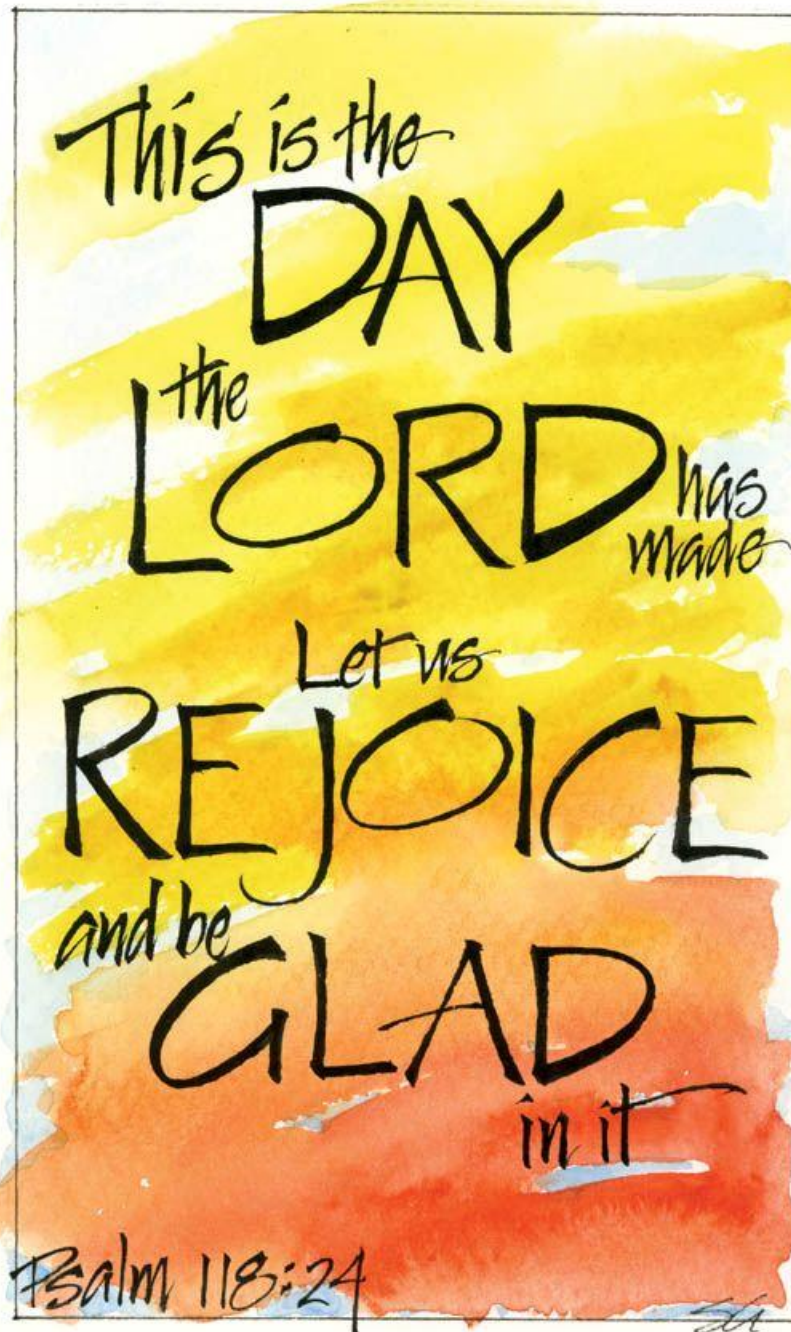




OUR SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10:00AM

Opening Song: Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 790 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.

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.

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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.

³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others..

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

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 Patrick Singh

Offering

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 in His name and as He has taught us:

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 Hymn: LSB 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

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 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

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 a daily devotional booklet is now available on the shelf in the narthex. This latest edition of Portals of Prayer contains devotions for October-December. Take extra booklets to share with others.

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.

A Voters Assembly will be held on **Sunday, October 11th**, immediately after the worship service. All Voting members are encouraged to come and hear reports on mission and ministry at Our Savior's Church and School.

A Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, 8:30-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Our guest speaker is Vern Milkins, head of Spiritual Awakening Ministry, that leads worship services, sharing the love of Jesus with residents of Conifer Park. All men are invited for this time of good food and fellowship, inspiring worship and testimony. Sign up in the narthex. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. Invite other men to join you.

Thrive Youth begins this coming week on Thursday, October 1st. Thrive is a ministry that gathers, supports and discipless Middle School and High School youth. Contact Sloane Bullough (518/256-4223) or Terri Zuelsdorf (518/462-8209) for more information

Special Visitors on October 4th: On Sunday, October 4th, we will welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ visiting from Ohio. A total of 48 guests will be worshipping with us as part of their travels through New England. Immediately following worship, we’ll have an opportunity to break bread together over lunch and enjoy some fellowship with them. We’ll provide pizza and are asking our church family to help by bringing a tossed green salad or cookies to share. So that we may plan accordingly, please sign up in the narthex if you can bring a salad or cookies, and help with “set-up” and/or “take-down.” Together, let’s welcome these guests warmly and show them some wonderful Our Savior’s hospitality.

Ladies of all ages are invited to Dessert Night: Please come Friday, October 9th, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room as we enjoy fellowship, yummy treats and tackle world problems! Okay, that may be a bit of an exaggeration, but hear this: In Romans 1:12 Paul writes, *“that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”* Being encouraged and linking together with faith-filled Christians is a blessing and a source of strength, serving us well as we handle (with God’s help) problems in our own little corners of the world. Praise God! Please sign up today in the narthex and, if able, bring a snack, fruit or dessert to share. We will sing, have fun with an ice-breaker and share a few surprises! If child care is needed, please call Lori at 518/703-9855 no later than Monday, Oct 5th, so we can arrange coverage for your little ones. Looking forward to our night of fellowship and encouragement

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.

Gathering and Growing. Our Savior’s will be starting home-based Small Groups beginning in October. These Small Groups will meet for six weeks, gathering around Bible Study, worship and prayer as participants seek to grow closer to Christ and to one another. The Bible study, entitled *Radiant Faith*, is drawn from the book of Philippians. Prayerfully consider taking advantage of this opportunity for 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 serve as a host and/or facilitator.

Launch Pad is a free play area for young children, infants-four years old, accompanied by an adult. Launch Pad is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 10-11:30, on days that school is in session. Come with your children or grandchildren and invite others. This is a good way to connect with families in our community.

Transportation Needs: We currently have individuals needing rides from the following areas:

Schenectady -on Kings Rd, about 1 mile from the Blue Ribbon Diner on State Street
about 17 minutes from OSL

Albany just off Central about 4 minutes from Our Savior’s -

West Albany/Schenectady near Central Ave, west of Route 155 20 minutes from OSL

Colonie near Shaker High School about 17 minutes from OSL

Call Dave McMullan (518/252-1071) if you need a ride to church or can provide transportation

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

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:

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PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Barb Bruso, Toni Cramer, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Ned Johnson, 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

Prayer for Veronica Alaimo, Director of Enrollment & Marketing for Our Savior's Christian School. Thanksgiving for Veronica's creativity and friendliness as she develops ways to promote Our Savior's School and warmly welcomes prospective students and their parents as they visit the school. May enrollment at Our Savior's School increase.

Prayer for Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Manhattan and Pastor Rumsudh and Pastor Hannah as they serve their flock, gathered in this urban, highly diverse setting. May Mount Zion serve as a refuge of healing and hope for all.

SERVERS

Music Leaders: Heather Baird and Murielle Smith

Communion: Tom Roemke & Andy Cross

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Reader: Cathy Kilpatrick

Ushers: Clarence Ballou & Matthew Hans

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (4 October 2026)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33-35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38-39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8-10).

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