



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



October 4, 2026

10:00AM

...That I may *know Him*...



Today's Scripture Readings:

ISAIAH 5:1-7

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

MATTHEW 21:33-46

Opening Hymn: Brown Hymnal 8 Be Thou My Vision

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

Silence for 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.

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

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your 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.

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

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

Response Hymn Knowing You, Jesus

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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:

Lutheran Service Book 907 God Himself is Present

Brown Hymnal 12 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Brown Hymnal 20 Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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 765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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 began Friday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue 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 Midweek Worship Service will be held this coming Wednesday, October 7th beginning at 11 a.m. The service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited to come and bring friends for this time of spiritual and physical nourishment and fellowship.

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 will be Vern Milkins, head of Spiritual Awakening Ministry that leads weekly worship services at Conifer Park, a drug rehabilitation facility, and also provides Bibles and clothes for residents at Conifer. All men are invited to come to the breakfast, to enjoy the food and fellowship, participate in worship and hear a challenging testimony. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken. Sign up sheets for the Men's Breakfast are in the narthex. Come and invite other men to join you.

This Morning we welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ, the *Golden Eagles*, 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" Together, let's welcome these guests warmly and show them some wonderful Our Savior's hospitality.

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

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

Gathering and Growing. Our Savior's will be starting home-based Small Groups beginning the week of October 4th: 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

Support for Night To Shine. Our Savior's will again host *Night To Shine*, a prom experience for people with disabilities, that will be held on February 12. Volunteers and guests for NTS may register on our church website (oslalbany.org)
Check out a video of last year's *Night To Shine* recently posted on the website.

This month there will be two opportunities to provide volunteer and financial support for *Night To Shine*:

1. We are participating in Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* Day by selling \$5 coupons, which will give the purchaser a 25% discount on purchases made on October 21st at Boscov's. Coupons are available through the church office, and we will also have a table at Boscov's on Oct 21st to sell coupons on that day. Contact Tom Roemke if you are able to sit and the table for a two hour shift to sell coupons,
2. The second fundraiser is a Spaghetti Supper that will be held on our school cafeteria on Saturday, October 24, 4-6. Eat in or take out. Pay by donation in support of *Night To Shine*. RSVP to Nicole Carlson (admiralnicole@gmail.com) if you plan on coming. Also contact Nicole if you are able to help prepare and serve the meal.
3. **for Night to Shine: Registration is open for anyone wanting to sign up to be a volunteer. Guest registration will open soon.**

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, Toni Cramer, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Ned Johnson, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, 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

Contemporary Worship Leader: Murielle Smith

Communion: Brian Dollard & Ike Wallace

Greeters: Linda Schmit, Sherry Schoonmaker

Prayers: Marlow & Ellyne Olson

Reader: Tom Aery

Ushers: Bud Hoffman, Paul Gansle

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (11 October 2026)

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).

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