

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, September 20, 2015
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(10:30) THE FIRE
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

GATHERING SONG *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing Grace. (Repeat)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C God of promise, **Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Amen.**

READING: GENESIS 18:1-15

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG for the WORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

READING: GENESIS 21:1-7

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Marked

Siri Strommen Campbell



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Marked with the cross of Christ, Marked as a child of God,

A ben G A

we walk upon this jour-ney of faith. The

ben G D/F# A

sto-ry of God un - folds, — help-ing us on — the road, — To-ge - ther we

ben A D ben G

— grow in - to this grace. 1. We are Ad-am and Eve - cre-a - ted in the
2. We are A - G bra-ham, — God has made us

D A ben

i - mage of God, we are called to take care — of all God made,
right-ous by faith, we are Sar - ah who laughs — with her first child,

ben

A We were made to res-pect — one a - no - ther, we were gi - ven - ven the gift
to pass on - our faith

We were giv - en the next — gen-er - a - tion,

A

— of each - o - ther, So we're ne-ver a - lone — u - pon — the way.
— through the chan-ges, So that all - the world — will know God's name.

3RD GRADE & KINDERGARTEN BIBLE PRESENTATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *Soul on Fire*

THE FIRE

OFFERTORY *Take My Life*

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness, is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

So take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.

Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord

PRAYER SONG *Lord I Need You*

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

**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.**

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

SENDING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

*Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name*

*Chorus: Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name (Chorus)*

*You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. (Repeat)*

(Chorus)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: ?

God's Healing Presence for...

Kari Ferguson Pam Koering Harvey Evenson Carl Anderson

Pastor Sharon Gunderson Richard Prestegord Audrey Waters

Arnie Gilbertson Becky Foss Lynn Larson Michael Ludwig

Ruth McSparron Corrine Kunze Ole Olson Tim Miller Mary Christianson

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe or Pastor Siri.)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

ORGANIST: Karen Alfson **LECTORS:** (8:30) Barb Hultin (10:30)

GREETERS: (8:30) Glen & Barb Hultin (10:30) Bob & Jill Hebl family

USHERS: (8:30) Peter Lovas, Kathy Evenson, Herbert Fleischer
(10:30) Chris & Jeff McInnes

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Tayah Beck, Hannah Buzick
(10:30) Halli Hebl, June Berg

ATTENDANCE: September 13, 2015: 8:30am – 66; 10:30am - 231

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Pastor Joe - 701-430-3787; Pastor Siri - 701-430-3879

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

The Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Event will be held today after the 10:30am worship service. Families will gather for a meal and a time of learning downstairs in the dining room.

OCTOBER STEEPLE TALK announcements and articles are due tomorrow Sept. 21!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE – *They all met together and were constantly UNITED in prayer. –Acts 1:14* All are welcome to attend this annual gathering of Christian students at the flagpole at the front door of the Hillsboro High School at 8am on Wednesday, Sept. 23 for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing.

AUTHENTIC MEXICAN MEAL - - Next Sunday, September 27th from 11:30am to 1pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro. Serving: tacos, enchiladas, hand-pressed tortillas, beans, rice, pico degallo, chips & salsa, refreshments. Free will offering with proceeds to benefit the new church building in McAllen, TX. All are welcome!

MEATBALL DINNER is OCTOBER 4TH

It is meatball dinner time! - A time to open our doors to the community and extend some well-known Our Savior's hospitality. A time to raise funds to support the outreach projects that are headed up by Our Savior's women: disaster relief, quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local agencies, camperships and financial support for trips by Our Savior's youth, support of area shelters and projects.

Join us for dinner October 4th, serving from 11am--1:pm. Adults- \$10.00; Ages 5-12 - \$6.00; Ages 4 and under - \$3.00.

Carry-out orders available for pick-up for \$11.00 (to order please call 636-5701 between 9am and Noon Oct. 4)

WEEKLY YOGA WITH PASTOR SIRI – SUNDAYS AT 7 PM

YOGA IS PRACTICE, NOT PERFORMANCE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

WEEKLY TO PRACTICE YOGA AND GROW TOGETHER. MATS ARE AVAILABLE TO USE.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service
11:45am K & 3rd gr Milestone Event
7:00pm Yoga

Monday, September 21

Meal Delivery Week-Circle #4
9:00am Steeple Talk news due
7:00pm Bell Choir practice

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Country Hearth)
6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:30pm Farm Bureau Supper
-Hannah Work Group

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Men's Fellowship (Country Hearth)
5:30pm Family Meal
6:00pm Worship
6:30pm Confirmation/Group activities
7:15pm Choir practice
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 24

2:00pm Nursing Home Service

Sunday, September 27

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service
11:30am Authentic Mexican Meal
7:00pm Yoga

Taking it Home:

1. Notice Fear-based stories and conversation around and within you:

- a. When the conversation has become about "them" versus "us",
- b. When phrases like "if-then" are used exclusively,
- c. When absolutes like "never" and "always", and other sweeping claims are used, *you can be sure it is less about reality and more about fear.*

2. Hold those you are concerned about in Prayer:

- a. Try to read a personal story from the point of view of the person/people you are afraid of.
- b. Seek relationships with those who are different from you.
- c. Imagine life from the point of view of the other, truly getting into their shoes
- d. Remind yourself that God loves them just as much as God loves you, and you are called to compassion.

3. Imagine Blessing:

- a. Activate your imagination and come up with scenarios where blessing, learning, growth, and laughter come from this new experience of welcoming the stranger