



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

*Come share the joy!*

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(YEAR C)

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



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## Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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### Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

*You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship*

### Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow Guest Connect Card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have any prayer requests, needs, or concerns, please complete the blue card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Rev. Jeff Carpenter. In this sense, the Lord's Body and Blood offered today is an extension of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar at that time.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

God sent His Son,  
They called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He bled and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there  
to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus:  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.

How sweet to hold our newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives.  
Chorus

And then one day, I'll cross that river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and  
I'll know He reigns.  
Chorus

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.*

- <sup>P</sup> In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.*

- <sup>P</sup> Most merciful God,
- <sup>C</sup> **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**
- <sup>P</sup> Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus 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.
- <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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- <sup>P</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

- <sup>A</sup> In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> 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.    <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE "THIS IS THE FEAST" (LBW P. 81)

*This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be  
people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and  
strength and honor and blessing  
and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join  
in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and  
might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has  
begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

<sup>P</sup> The Lord be with you.    <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*"See Insert"*

<sup>C</sup> **Amen**

*Please be seated*

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING ~ DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20**

*"See Insert"*

<sup>R</sup> This is the Word of the Lord!    <sup>C</sup> **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALMODY ~ PSALM 1**

*"See Insert"*

**SECOND READING ~ PHILEMON 1-21**

*"See Insert"*

<sup>R</sup> This is the Word of the Lord!    <sup>C</sup> **Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "HALLELU, HALLELU"**

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord!

**FEEDING OUR LITTLE LAMBS**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA, LORD" ~ (P. 83 LBW)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>P</sup> The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th Chapter.   <sup>C</sup> **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 14:25-35

<sup>P</sup> The Gospel of the Lord.   <sup>C</sup> **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON ~ BLAINE DAVIS

THE BLESSED MAN IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER

*Please stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS," THE SAVIOR SAID (LBW #398)

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be; Forsake the past, and come this day, And humbly follow after me."	Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let your foolish heart rebel; For you the Lord endured the cross To save your soul from death and hell.
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Take up your cross, let not its weight Pervade your soul with vain alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, Sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.	Take up your cross, and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bear the cross May hope to wear a golden crown.
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## Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

<sup>P</sup> Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

<sup>P</sup> Lord, in your mercy,   <sup>C</sup> **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.    **C Amen**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Please stand*

THE DOXOLOGY~ “GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS” VER. 1 (WOV #787)

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.

## **POST OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our vocations, our time, our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Please remain standing*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.    **C And also with you.**

*At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbors*

## **THE HOLY MEAL**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- <sup>P</sup> Whenever we gather for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the wonderful story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- <sup>P</sup> Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- <sup>P</sup> For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.
- <sup>C</sup> **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- <sup>P</sup> Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- <sup>C</sup> **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**
- <sup>P</sup> Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- <sup>C</sup> **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- <sup>P</sup> We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.
- <sup>P</sup> Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- <sup>C</sup> **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**

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION HYMNS**

### **"GOD WILL MAKE A WAY"**

God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see.  
He will make a way for me.  
He will be my Guide,  
Hold me closely to His side.  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way...He will make a  
way.  
Repeat

God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see.  
He will make a way for me.  
He will be my Guide,  
Hold me closely to His side.  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way...He will make a  
way.  
Repeat

By a roadway in the wilderness,  
He'll lead me.  
Rivers in the desert will I see.  
Heaven and earth will fade,  
But His Word will still remain.  
And He will do something new today.

With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way...He will make a  
way.

### **"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"**

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the  
Lord

#### **Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with Your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness  
and believe  
You're the one to profit when you say  
I am going to walk with Jesus all the  
way  
Chorus

If you say He saved you from your sin  
Now You're weak you're bound and  
cannot enter in  
You can make it right if you will yield  
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel  
Chorus



"O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN" (LBW #197)

O living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me  
With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

*Please stand*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.    **C Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "SONG OF SIMEON"**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the Salvation,  
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.  
A light to reveal you to the Nations,  
And the glory of your people, Israel.  
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C Amen**

**BENEDICTION ~ LBW P. 95**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.    **C Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN ~ “O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED” VSS 1, 3, 4 (LBW #503)**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If you will be my guide.  
  
Oh, let me hear you speaking  
In accents clear and still  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will.

Now speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
Now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised  
To all who follow you  
That where you are in glory  
Your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve you to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace, serve the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 7th 3:00 PM—** John Minsters Memorial Service

**September 8th—Ladies Night Out** 5:30 PM Dinner and Fellowship at Bruno’s on Old Jacksonville Hwy. See Amy for more information

**Wednesday & Thursday—Natalie will be out of the office.** She will be checking email, so if you need something email her at [admin@oslctyler.org](mailto:admin@oslctyler.org)

**Sunday, September 14th—Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will begin 9:00 AM—** Adult Bible Study will be studying A Praying Life

**Sunday School Rally Day** 5:00 PM Swim Party and Hot Dog Supper at the Nazario home. See Carmen for more information

### **Our Worship Servants This Morning:**

Greeter:	Helen Siebert
Acolyte:	Annabelle & Penelope Davis
Ushers:	Joe Coke & Alan Cumming
Reader:	Becky Chambers
Communion Assistants:	Karin Davis, Peggy Jones, Jana Coke
AV Booth:	Amy Norris, Preston Graham

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 8-14**

Monday	Ladies Night – Bruno’s	5:30 PM
	Men’s Group	8:00 PM
Tuesday	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Coin Club	6:15 PM
Wednesday	Embroiderers	9:30-3:00
Thursday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
	CoDA	6:00 PM
Friday	Classical Conversations	9:00-3:00
Saturday	Altar Guild	
Sunday	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Choir	9:00 AM
	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Church Council	11:30 AM

### **Attendance**

Sunday, August 31, 2025: 93

2025 Average: 85

### **Stewardship**

Last Week’s Offerings:	\$	2,441
Total for the month of Aug.	\$	20,998
2025 Total Offerings to Date:	\$	187,859

## PRAYER LIST

### Our Members:

Linda Eck, Toby Fite, Kirk Capo, Jim & Janet Anthony, Glory Gopinath, Ed Lucas, Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Margo Williams, Larry & Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson

### Family & Friends:

Family of John Minster, Jennifer Hendrick, Erin Gilland, Family of Ellie Sadek, Family of Joan Schneider, Mark Malloy, Preetha James, Nick Lopez, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

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