

**“ON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD  
MY CHURCH.”**

**MATTHEW 16:18**

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

# Welcome

Welcome to Our Savior's house!

We do not live in the Promised Land. We live in a wonderful world God created but a world that is also corrupted, stained, and crippled. Our Lord has promised that he will keep us safe until we walk through the gates into his Promised Land, heaven. Sometimes, we wonder if he can keep us safe because scary stuff does happen to us. We never have to be afraid, but our God will never fall short on his promises. He will rescue us. He will see us safely into heaven. For this we praise him today!

Today our Savior invites us to eat healthy for our whole being – not just our bodies. He invites us to a banquet where he promises to feed us with drink and food that will truly satisfy us and give us life on a whole new level. Let's join him!

Guests, thank you for letting us share Jesus' love with you this morning! We'll do our best to make you feel welcome and at home with friends. Please come back and learn more about the extraordinary love our God has for all of us!

## OUR WORSHIP

Our entire worship service is printed out in this worship folder to make it easy to follow. The **congregation speaks the parts in bold** while the pastor speaks the parts in plain type.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Our nursery is across the hallway from worship. You'll find signs just outside the double doors.

## RESTROOMS

The restrooms are located just outside the double doors in the rear of the worship area. Just follow the signs.

## LORD'S SUPPER

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. We invite every confirmed member of our church family or of sister congregations in the Wisconsin Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to join us at the Lord's table. If you aren't part of our church "family" yet and would like to take this meal, please talk with our worship leader, Dwight Luedtke. He would be glad to get you in contact with Pastor Workentine who will work with you so you can take it in our fellowship in the future. Thank you!



# WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

## BUILT ON THE ROCK - HYMN 529



1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2. Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3. We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
4. Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5. Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his tem - ple  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal grace us  
God did re - ceive us. Th'al - tar re - calls Christ's sa - cri -  
church bells are ring - ing, Ma - ny in sav - ing faith may



land Bells still are chim - ing and call - ing, Call - ing the  
stands All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who  
owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va - tion. Were we but  
face All what the sac - ra - ment gives us. Here sound the  
come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring - ing: "I know my



young and old to rest, But a - bove all the soul dis -  
dwells in heav'n a - bove Choos - es to live with us in  
two his name to tell, Yet he would deign with us to  
Scrip - tures that pro - claim Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the  
own; my own know me. You, not the world, my face shall



tressed, Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
dwell With all his grace and his fa - vor.  
same And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
see. My peace I leave with you al - ways.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Confession and forgiveness

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Praise and prayer

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## BLESSED ARE THE SAINTS OF GOD - HYMN 394



1. Bless-ed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.
2. They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the Sav - ior's peace.
3. They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a heav'n - ly birth.



They are ran - somed from the grave; Life e - ter - nal they shall have.  
All their sins are washed a - way; They shall stand in God's great day.  
One with God, with Je - sus one, Glo - ry is in them be - gun.



With them num - bered may we be. Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
With them num - bered may we be. Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
With them num - bered may we be. Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love. Lead our hearts to love what you command so we remain faithful to you until we enter the Promised Land. We ask your blessings through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# GOD SPEAKS TO US

## Joshua 4:1-9

*Not even a flooding river could keep God from bringing his people to the Promised Land.*

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day. NIV

## PSALM 34



**Taste and see that the Lord is good; \***  
**Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous \***  
**And his ears are attentive to their cry.**

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,\***  
**And he delivers them.**

*Refrain*

**The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; \***  
**He delivers them from all their troubles.**

**The Lord is close to the brokenhearted\***  
**And saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

**The Lord redeems his servants; \***  
**No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son \***  
**And to the Holy Spirit,**  
**As it was in the beginning, \***  
**Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## Revelation 7:1-8

*All the dangers of this world will not prevent God from bringing his people to the Promised Land.*

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

from the tribe of Asher 12,000,

from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,

from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. NIV



# LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S HEAD - HYMN 536



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -  
 2. O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -  
 3. Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both pure and  
 4. And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you bows, And  
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, True  
 low - ly. And may your Word, that light di - vine, Shine  
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, To



waits for your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, Your Church  
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your  
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pent - ance show, In faith  
 find in you all plea - sure. Oh, grant us stead - fast - ness In joy



shall en - dure Though all the world de - cay And all things  
 sav - ing Word To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they  
 ev - er grow. The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils  
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

## Sermon: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. NIIV

### **Built on this Rock, his Church shall stand**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us  
and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He  
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will  
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy  
Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Offering

After worship, you may place your offering in the basket near the hymnal bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.

## Prayer of the Church

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

### **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

### **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

### **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

### **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

### **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

### **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

We ask you to fulfill your promises as we approach the table you have prepared for us. May each of us sincerely sorrow over our sin and trust you have forgiven us for everything. As we take the bread and wine, open the eyes of our faith to trust you are also giving us your true body and blood to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith.

### **Through this meal strengthen our resolve to turn away from sin and live for your glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

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For all our unasked needs we pray:

**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.**

# JESUS GIVES US HIS BODY AND BLOOD

The Lord be with you.



And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is



full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal - va - tion.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is



full of your glo - ry.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**A - men.**



**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the**



**sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you**



**take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.**

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## Thanksgiving



Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## The Lord's blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION – HYMN 538



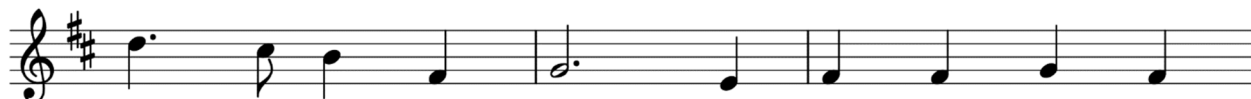
1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the  
 3. The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de -  
 4. Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op -  
 5. Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion And tu - mult of her



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the  
 earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one  
 fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the  
 pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis -  
 war She waits the con - su - ma - tion Of peace for - e - ver -



Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To  
 birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -  
 end. Though there be those that hate her And  
 tressed, Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their  
 more Till with the vi - sion glor - ious Her



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he  
 takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she  
 strive to see her fail, A - gainst both foe and  
 cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of  
 long - ing eyes are blest And the great Church vic -



bought her, And for her life he died.  
 press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.  
 weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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## CALENDAR

Today	10 am	Worship and communion
	11:30 am	Sunday school
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bible study
	7 pm	Bible study
Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday school

	Serving this weekend	Serving next weekend
Pastor	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
Music	Betsy	Betsy
Greeters	Tricia	Crystal
Ushers	Greg	Rick
Mow	Rick	Scott
Flowers	Cynthia & Dwight	Derek & Jocelyn
Cleaning	Josh & Holly	Rick & Crystal
Snacks	Tricia	Jan
Video	Jill	Jocelyn



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