

FRIENDSHIP IN THE LORD



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are also available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the Fifteenth week after Pentecost, and during this season of Ordinary Time we are looking at key people and practices of the Anglican Church. Today we ask: why do the ministers wear special clothing? By about the sixth century, as the Roman Empire disintegrated, clergy held on to the traditional clothing associated with education and Roman culture, and with some variations many clergy have worn this traditional clothing throughout the centuries since. At Savior, the priests, deacons and Communion ministers all wear white albs. Over the alb, priests and deacons wear stoles, the scarf-like fabric that priests wear around their neck and deacons over their shoulder; Communion ministers wear tabards. Vestments help de-emphasize individual distinctions and communicate reverence toward Word and Sacrament.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, and eve'rywhere that we can be, Thou God, are present there. Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oh, the Glory of Your Presence

Father, all glorious, You alone are holy; Yet we lift our face before your grace. Speak Your Word in living power; speak it in this very hour. Let your kingdom come and let your perfect will be done. Free us from our every fear. Abba, hold us near.

Oh, the glory of Your presence; We, Your temple give You reverence. Come arise to Your Church, And be blessed by our praise, As we glory in Your embrace; As Your presence, now, fills this place.

Spirit, all glorious, You alone are mighty.
Comfort us when bleak, restore the weak.
As You filled your church with power, fill us in this very hour.
Teach us how to pray; lead us in your way.
Speak to us the prophets' word.
Speak till we have heard.

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:16-18; 4:2

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

² "But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 149

- ¹ Hallelujah!
 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.



Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON



Friendship in the Lord

Linda Richardson Co- Founding Pastor

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

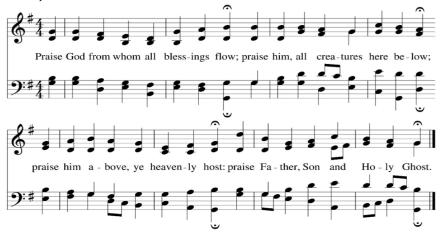
What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear; May we ever, Lord be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer. Soon, in glory bright unclouded There will be no need for prayer; Rapture, praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there.

You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

We sing, Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Amazing Grace

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!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way At the sound of Your great Name. All condemned feel no shame At the sound of Your great Name. Ev'ry fear has no place At the sound of Your great Name. The enemy, he has to leave At the sound of Your great Name.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us, The Son of God and man. You are high and lifted up, And all the world will praise Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name.

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty. Defender, my Savior, You are my King. (Repeat)

There's No One Like Jesus (Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe)

There's no one, there's no one like Jesus. There's no one, there's no one like him. There's no one, there's no one like Jesus. There's no one, there's no one like him.

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe Hakuna Mungu kama we Hakuna Mungu kama wewe Hakuna na hatakuwepo

I've walked and walked all over, over. I turned and turned all over, over. I've searched and searched all over, over. There's no one, there's no one like him.

He came, He came humbly. He died for sin willingly. He rose on high eternally. There's no one, there's no one like Him.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Retreat: Join us on Sunday, September 17 from 2-5 pm at PHCC for our annual All-Church Retreat! We'll spend the afternoon connecting with God in a variety of ways. This retreat is designed to be accessible to all ages, including children and youth; childcare will be provided for our littlest ones, children from kindergarten up will be guided through the retreat by adult volunteers, and youth can participate alongside adults. Please register at the link on the website so that we have enough materials, and let Pastor Sarah know if you have any questions.

Adult Confirmation Class: This fall, Savior is offering an adult confirmation class! This class is for anyone who is interested in being confirmed, which means making a public commitment to the church and receiving, through the laying on of hands by our bishop, a renewed gifting of the Holy Spirit. This class is also open to anyone who wants to dive a little deeper into the theology, history, and spiritual traditions of the Anglican church, even if you are already confirmed or unsure about confirmation. The class will meet for 10 sessions on Saturdays, from 3-4 pm at PHCC, beginning on September 16th. Contact Pastor Sarah for more information.

Outward Journey Small Group: Interested in exploring ways to love our neighbors as the Savior community? You're invited to join a short-term small group dedicated to serving those around us. Pastor Sarah will lead and host this group, which meets on alternate Thursday nights beginning on September 28th and ending on May 23rd. Contact Sarah for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Regular youth group meetings will restart tonight, September 9th. Future dates: September 23; October 7, 28 (please note the date has been changed from October 21st to the 28th.); November 4, 18; December 2.

September 9, Linda Richardson, Friendship in the Lord

Relationships and Sex in God's New Family

September 16, Kevin Miller, God's Surprising Solution for Our Loneliness and Isolation

September 23, Deb Nickerson, *Living in God's Family as a Single Person* September 30, Kevin Miller, *Living in God's Family as a Gay Person* October 7, Kevin Miller, *Living in God's Family as a Married Person*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000 As of September 2:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$249,195 Actual Giving = \$202,980 Over/(Under) = (\$46,215)

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