



RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX IN GOD'S NEW FAMILY



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

The Seventeenth Week after Pentecost

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023



We're so glad you're here.



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 available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the Seventeenth week after Pentecost, and during this season of Ordinary Time we are looking at key people and practices of the Anglican Church. Today, we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, the tax collector called by Jesus to become one of the twelve apostles. During Jesus' lifetime, many Jews saw tax collectors as sinful, people who used Roman laws to gain wealth at the expense of their fellow Jews. But Jesus called Matthew to follow him – and Matthew immediately leaves his tax collecting and not only follows Jesus but invites his friends, other tax collectors and sinners, to come meet this Jesus.

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PRELUDE & WELCOME

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding
Which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity;
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show,
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

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.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue us from our sin?
Oh, You rescue us from our sin.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

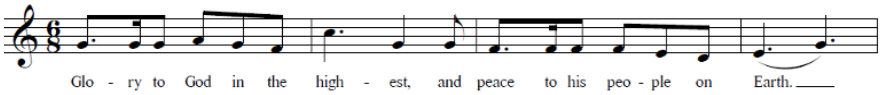
Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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

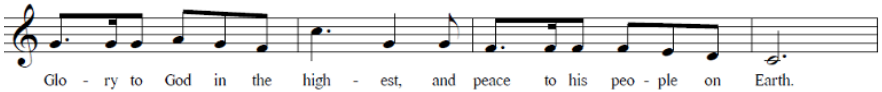
GLORIA

Leader:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on Earth. _____

Congregation:



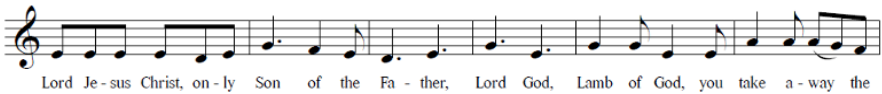
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on Earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God _____ and Fa - ther, we



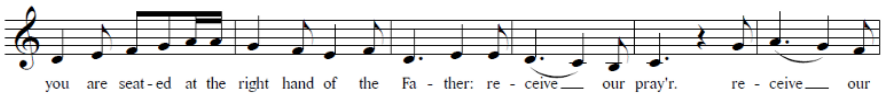
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for _____ your glo - ry. _____



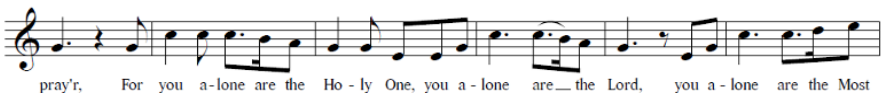
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sin _____ of the world: have mer - cy on _____ us; have mer - cy on us;



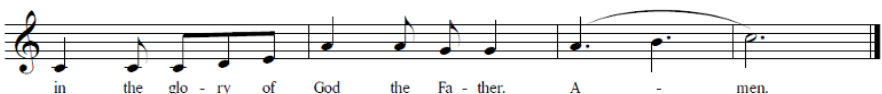
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive _____ our pray'r. re - ceive _____ our



pray'r, For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are _____ the Lord, you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 16:2-15

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- ³ Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- ³⁷ He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- ³⁸ Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- ³⁹ He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- ⁴² For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- ⁴³ So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- ⁴⁴ He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- ⁴⁵ That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

²⁵ Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

³² I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³ But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— ³⁴ and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵ I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each

received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON



Living in God's Family as a Single Person

Deb Nickerson
Savior Vestry Member

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

Let Everything

*Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord.
With all of my heart,
With all of my strength,
With all that I have,
I will sing.
Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.*

There is a river
that flows unrestrained from Your heart,
Canyons of mercy
so deep I could never depart.

Father, Your wonders are endless.
Open my eyes to believe.
Awake my soul.

Morning by morning,
Your faithfulness shines like the sun.
Heaven's on fire,
Alive with the brilliance of love.

With thanksgiving on our lips,
We enter Your courts today.
All our lives we freely give.
Awaken my soul to praise.

THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are
full, O Lord, of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Alleluia.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'Christ has died. Christ is risen.' The second line contains 'Christ will come again. Alleluia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on 'Alleluia'.

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



Our Fa - ther, Who art in hea - ven, hal - lo - wed be Thy Name.

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as

we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in -

to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For Thine is the

king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

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

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,
We worship You today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift You send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You
And wait upon Your word,
We honour and adore You,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour,
This song of praise we sing.
That we, who know Your favour,
Our humble service bring;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty
And glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker.
For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand,
Just the sheep of His hand.

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy;
May injustice bow to Jesus,
As the people turn and pray.

*From the mountain to the valley,
Hear our praises rise to You;
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear our singing fill the air.*

May our light shine in the darkness,
As we walk before the cross;
May Your glory fill the whole earth,
As the water over the seas.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill the earth.)
(REPEAT)
You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill.)

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.

You may be seated for announcements.

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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 tomorrow, September 24 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.

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.

Savior's Anniversary Choir

Be a Part of Savior's Anniversary Choir on October 21! Any singer of any age is invited to join this choir. Two rehearsals will be held for approximately 30 minutes after the services on Saturday, October 7 and October 14. If you are planning to sing or have any questions please contact John Rakes, Pastor of Music and Worship at John@friendsofthesavior.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Opportunities

Looking for a way to connect with others at Savior? We have several small groups and classes to choose from this fall:

Women's Small Group, led by Deb Nickerson

Small Group, led by Craig and Denise Daniels Barwell

Outward Journey small group, led by Sarah Lindsay

Adult Confirmation Class, led by Sarah Lindsay

Gatherings, one-time meals hosted by various Savior members; contact Hope Grant for more information

Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 8 am; see info further on in the newsletter

Prayer & Praise Returns

Welcome to this time to enter God's presence. From 7–8:15pm on these Tuesday evenings: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Jan. 30, Mar. 19, Apr. 23, and May 21.

Gatherings

Looking to connect with other Friends of the Savior? Sign up for a Gathering Group! "Gatherings" are informal meals shared at one another's homes on October 6th, 7th, or 8th with a host who will coordinate the time and place and food items to bring. Please sign up on the sheet at the Information Table in the narthex by Saturday, September 30 to be included. Any questions? Contact Hope Grant.

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.

During Our Sexuality Sermon Series

Nothing will be graphic, but if you prefer to not have your child or youth be in for the sermon, that's fine. Please come with them to the library where there will be coloring supplies; please stay with your child.

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

Relationships and Sex in God's New Family

September 16, Kevin Miller, *God's Surprising Plan 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

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000

As of September 16:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$264,464

Actual Giving = \$212,194

Over/(Under) = (\$52,270)

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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails are found at friendsofthesavior.org/serve) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org).

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