

# WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO: NEW AND IMPROVED BODIES



The Last Week after Pentecost SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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 available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

**Today is the Last Week after Pentecost,** we have finally reached the end of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year that begins in early summer after Pentecost and ends now, as fall slides into winter. It may seem strange that next week begins a new year in the church calendar: we are still weeks away from the countdown to midnight on December 31st, and weeks beyond the start of the new school year. But Advent asks us to begin anew our walk through the life of Jesus, to remember again our longing for a savior and our need for a light in the darkness. And as the holiday season disrupts our work schedules, Advent reminds us that we are no longer in ordinary time, but instead in a time of anticipation and preparation as we celebrate Jesus' birth and look forward to his return.

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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.

#### Come Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise. Father all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success. Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour. Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be, Hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity, Love and adore.

- 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.

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

GLORIA



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

> Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST READING

#### EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup> "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. <sup>12</sup> I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. <sup>14</sup> Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. <sup>16</sup> I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

<sup>20</sup> "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. <sup>21</sup> For you fat sheep pushed and butted and crowded my sick and hungry flock until you scattered them to distant lands. <sup>22</sup> So I will rescue my flock, and they will no longer be abused. I will judge between one animal of the flock and another. <sup>23</sup> And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

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

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,\* and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

<sup>35</sup> But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?"

<sup>42</sup> It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever.
<sup>43</sup> Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. <sup>44</sup> They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

<sup>49</sup> Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

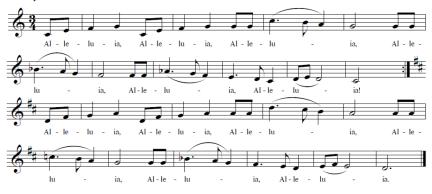
<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

<sup>51</sup> But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! <sup>52</sup> It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. <sup>53</sup> For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

<sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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



#### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 25:31-46** 

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

<sup>31</sup> "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

<sup>41</sup> "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give

me a drink. <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

<sup>44</sup> "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'

<sup>45</sup> "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'

<sup>46</sup> "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

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

# ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

# THE SERMON



# New and Improved Bodies

Rob Gallagher Savior 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. 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

#### Piano Solo

#### Zak Reynolds

#### THE DOXOLOGY



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- 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:



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:



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 in him.

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.

#### Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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# O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within, Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling, Have you come to the end of yourself, Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy; From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

Oh, what a Savior, Isn't He wonderful; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

# I Will Change Your Name

I will change your name, You shall no longer be called Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid. I will change your name, Your new name shall be Confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one, Faithfulness, friend of God, One who seeks My face.

# **Christ Is Risen**

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame, But fix our eyes upon the cross, And run to Him who showed great love And bled for us, Freely You've bled for us.

Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death – Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave. Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again – Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will; No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, No burden great can hold You down. In strength You reign; Forever let Your church proclaim.

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? O church, come stand in the light; The glory of God has defeated the night. Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? O church, come stand in the light; Our God is not dead – He's alive, He's alive!

# 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.

# 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.

#### **Outreach Christmas Store**

We are once again excited to support the Outreach Christmas Store, a oneday event hosted by Outreach Community Ministries that allows local low-income families to purchase Christmas gifts at reduced cost. You can support the store in two ways:

1. Donate one (or more!) gifts – either purchase from the list available on the Info Table and bring the gift to Savior by Saturday, December 2nd or order online from Amazon or Target and have gifts shipped directly to Outreach (gifts must arrive by Monday, December 4th).

2. Volunteer either at the store on December 9th or in a variety of other roles preparing for the store – see the Savior website for the volunteer application.

#### Save the Date: Gingerbread Nativities

After worship, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Gingerbread Nativities. Stay for fun for all ages. Which friend could you invite to join you?

# 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: The youth Christmas party will be December 2nd right after the service.

#### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

What We Have to Look Forward To

November 11, Kevin Miller, *New and Improved Earth* November 18, Kevin Miller, *New and Improved Leaders* November 25, Robert Gallagher, *New and Improved Bodies* 

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000 As of November 18:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$327,794 Actual Giving = \$259,530 Over/(Under) = (\$68,264)

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