

**HOW GOD SETS
PEOPLE FREE**



AND HOW WE COLLABORATE WITH HIM



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You are Visiting: We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at kevin@friendsofthesavior.org to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

About our Worship: we use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

Children & Youth: While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. For additional ideas to engage children, see Savior's family newsletter or contact Sarah Lindsay at sarah@friendsofthesavior.org. We also invite children to call Pastor Mary; email Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior.org to set up a time. Youth are meeting virtually; contact Fr. Andrew Unger at andrewdunger@gmail.com for details.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost: From now until the end of November, we celebrate a part of the Christian year called Pentecost. During it, we especially remember what Jesus' followers did. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives—and how we should live ours. This one season of Pentecost takes up half the year. And it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas and Easter. As a result, as one Sunday in Pentecost follows another, the season can feel rather ordinary. There's a good reason for this. The believers who developed our Christian calendar knew that following Jesus isn't always a big party. Sometimes it's long, sometimes hard, sometimes, well, ordinary. But they wanted to remind us that Jesus is still with us, even then.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
God, hea-ven-ly King. Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship
You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Glo - ry to God. Lord Je - sus Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
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 Spi - rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Reader: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

A reading from Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸⁻¹⁰ A new king came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. He spoke to his people in alarm, "There are way too many of these Israelites for us to handle. We've got to do something: Let's devise a plan to contain them, lest if there's a war they should join our enemies, or just walk off and leave us."

¹¹⁻¹⁴ So they organized them into work-gangs and put them to hard labor under gang-foremen. They built the storage cities Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh. But the harder the Egyptians worked them the more children the Israelites had—children everywhere! The Egyptians got so they couldn't stand the Israelites and treated them worse than ever, crushing them with slave labor. They made them miserable with hard labor—making bricks and mortar and back-breaking work in the fields. They piled on the work, crushing them under the cruel workload.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ The king of Egypt had a talk with the two Hebrew midwives; one was named Shiphrah and the other Puah. He said, "When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the sex of the baby. If it's a boy, kill him; if it's a girl, let her live."

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ But the midwives had far too much respect for God and didn't do what the king of Egypt ordered; they let the boy babies live. The king of Egypt called in the midwives. "Why didn't you obey my orders? You've let those babies live!"

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women; they're vigorous. Before the midwife can get there, they've already had the baby."

²⁰⁻²¹ God was pleased with the midwives. The people continued to increase in number—a very strong people. And because the midwives honored God, God gave them families of their own.

²² So Pharaoh issued a general order to all his people: "Every boy that is born, drown him in the Nile. But let the girls live."

¹⁻³ A man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and had a son. She saw there was something special about him and hid him. She hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer she got a little basket-boat made of papyrus, waterproofed it with tar and pitch, and placed the child in it. Then she set it afloat in the reeds at the edge of the Nile.

⁴⁻⁶ The baby's older sister found herself a vantage point a little way off and watched to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the Nile to bathe; her maidens strolled on the bank. She saw the basket-boat floating in the reeds and sent her maid to get it. She opened it and saw the child—a baby crying! Her heart went out to him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies."

⁷ Then his sister was before her: "Do you want me to go and get a nursing mother from the Hebrews so she can nurse the baby for you?"

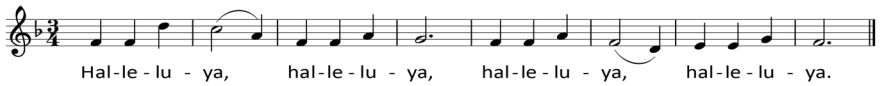
⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes. Go." The girl went and called the child's mother.

⁹ Pharaoh's daughter told her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I'll pay you." The woman took the child and nursed him.

¹⁰ After the child was weaned, she presented him to Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I pulled him out of the water."

ALLELUIA

Please stand.



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-32

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

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Disobeying Unjust Authorities

Mtr. Emily McGowin
Canon Theologian

THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE 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.

Officiant: 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

The Peace will be offered by members of the Oak Park church plant.

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

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Be Still And Know

Be still and know, that I am God
Be still and know, that I am God
Be still and know, that I am God

ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

All:

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be Your Name,
Your king-dom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a-gainst us, save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are Yours,
now and for ev-er. A - - men.

Officiant: The gift of God for the People of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Go Down, Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.*

Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

The Lamb Has Overcome

The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done
And the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down
No grave could hold him down
Up from the ground,
"He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name

At God's right hand is he
At God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea,
How he lives to intercede!
At God's right hand is he

The table now is spread
The table now is spread
This wine and bread
Broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

The day is drawing near
The day is drawing near
He shall appear
And will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

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Officiant: 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

Officiant: 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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH PLANTER

Representatives of the Church Plant:

We have come together to welcome Sandy Richter, who has been chosen to serve as the planting pastor of our new church in Oak Park.

Rector: Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Sandy, do you now, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

New Church Planter: I do.

Rector: Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Deacon Sandy and her family in this ministry?

People: We will.

Rector: Let us then pray for this new congregation, and for Sandy, their pastor.

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain your servant Sandy, and her family, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that the people of this new church may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: Amen.

Deacon Sandy will introduce the chosen name of the church plant.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen

Amen

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: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Service LiveStream: We continue to worship on Saturday through Zoom. [Access our services here.](#) To assist with worship, a copy of our Order of Worship is available on our [Sermons webpage](#) and will be emailed out every Friday through Breeze by Whitney Burns, our Communications Director.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We are hosting Morning Prayer at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Find the link to join the livestream service on our Facebook Page and weekly Newsletter.

Donations to Church of the Savior: There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit our new [Giving page](#) on our website.

All-Church Book Read: Savior is reading Daniel Hill's *White Awake*. If you haven't already, settle into the comfortable rhythm of reading 1 chapter a week, and find 1 or 2 people you can discuss the book with. For the week of September 27, read Chapter 3: What is Cultural Identity and use this breath prayer: "Jesus who became incarnate, reveal my cultural identity."

Tonight's Installation & Send-off for Richters: In our worship service this evening, we are overjoyed to install Deacon Sandy Richter as Savior's first Church Planter. The installation will take place toward the end of the service. You won't want to miss it!

Installation of Pastor Sarah Lindsay: Next Saturday, October 3, we will install Sarah Lindsay as our new Pastor of Adult Formation! Her installation will take place toward the conclusion of the service.

October Events - Save the Date(s): Visit Savior's [website](#) for more detail.
Sunday, October 4 (2:00pm): Blessing of the Animals at PHCC
Wednesday, October 7 (7:00-7:45pm): All Church Zoom Prayer Gathering
Friday, October 16 (6:30-8:00pm): Savior's 16th Anniversary Bonfire!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Zao Zoom Youth Room: Youth group calls take place on Sunday night. 6th-8th grade meets from 6:30-7:30pm and 9th-12th grade meets from 7:15-8:30pm.

In-Person Youth Gatherings: Once a month on a Sunday youth group will gather in-person. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11 for the next opportunity. Email Father Andrew Unger for more information.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

"How God Sets People Free: and how we collaborate with him"

September 26: "Disobeying Unjust Authorities", Mtr. Emily McGowin

October 3: "Obeying God Despite My Inadequacies", Fr. Kevin Miller

October 10: "Persevering after Setbacks", Deb Nickerson

October 17: "Pronouncing Judgment on False Gods", Fr. Kevin Miller

October 24: Church of the Savior's 16th Anniversary

October 31: All Saints' Day

November 7: "Living under God's Protection", Pastor Sarah Lindsay

November 14: "Following God's Leading", Fr. Kevin Miller

November 21: "Trusting in the God who Fights for Us", Fr. Kevin Miller

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of September 19:

Actual = \$244,032

Budget = \$234,579

Over/(Under) = \$9,453

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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Welcome Team	Christine Kindberg
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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails at <https://friendsofthesavior.org/team-leaders>) or with Pastor Sandy Richter (sandyrichter@friendsofthesavior.org).

