



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Mission: *We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.*

Tune your radio to 89.5 FM – 9:30am

RALLY DAY September 11th, 2022

Today is Rally Day in ELCA congregations around North America. The Evangelical Church in America's motto is: "God's Work-Our Hands!" Today we recognize and thank all of our area's first responders ~ police, fire, paramedic, deputies ~ and all those who assist us in times of need. We are grateful for their sacrifice and commitment to helping serve our community. To all of them near and far, still with us and deceased, we simply say "thank you!"

PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song: **Let our joy be complete!** Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song: **Love one another!** Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song: **No longer servants but friends!** Come, let our worship make a joyful noise: **Rejoicing in the friendship of God!**

OPENING SONG: "TESTIFY TO LOVE"

All the colors of the rainbow – All the voices of the wind
Every dream that reaches out, that reaches out to find where love begins
Every word of every story – Every star in every sky –
Every corner of creation lives to testify.

Refrain: For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.
I'll be a witness in the silences when words are not enough.
With every breath I take I will give thanks to God above
For as long as I shall live, I will testify to love.

From the mountains to the valley – From the rivers to the sea
Every hand that reaches out – every hand that reaches out to offer peace.
Every simple act of mercy – every step to kingdom come,
All the hope in every heart will speak what loves has done. (sing refrain)
For as long as I shall live, I will testify – I will testify to love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray:

O Guiding God, you gave us your Son Jesus to help teach us how to love and live. Today we gather to celebrate all those who serve to protect us. Bless and watch over them in their work. Be with us all as we enter into this season of changing colors. **In our communities, workplaces, schools and homes, may we declare and deliver your boundless love! We pray in the name of Jesus who lays down his life for us all. AMEN!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: Hear these words about serving others from the Bible...From Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." And from Philippians 2:4: Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." And from First Peter (4:10)- "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." And from the Book of Proverbs (22:9): "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." And from Mark's Gospel (10:45): "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." From Matthew (5:16): "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." And from John: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. This is my command: Love each other." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ!**

SIGN OF PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. ***And also with you.*** (*Greet one another with "peace be with you"*)

THE MESSAGE: *PJ*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: *We acknowledge and thank all our area first responders, police, fire, rescue, ambulance, doctors, nurses and those who help protect us in time of need.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Jesus' words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *We pray the words of peace that Jesus gave us.*

HOLY COMMUNION: Christ invites all of God's people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!** *(For your convenience, we will be using communion kits today to share in this special sacred meal. Carefully peel back the top layer to retrieve the bread and then peel back the second layer to be able to drink the fruit juice. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!)*

"DESEPERATE"

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

Your holy presence, Living, In me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread

And I... I'm desperate for you (echo: Desperate for you)
And I ...I'm lost without you (echo: lost without you) **Repeat Song**

This is the air I breathe

COMMUNION BLESSING: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his resurrected grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray together:
Thank you, O God, for this meal which satisfies the hungry heart. May this celebration help us to carry Your love with us in the week ahead. We pray together in the name of Jesus our Savior: AMEN!

FINAL BLESSING: *As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way. May he go behind you to encourage you. Beside you to befriend you. Above you to watch over. Within you to give you peace.*

SENDING SONG: “LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

SENDING PROCLAMATION: Serving God and one another, let's go be church after church! **Thanks be to God!**

HEROES RESPOND FIRST



Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome.