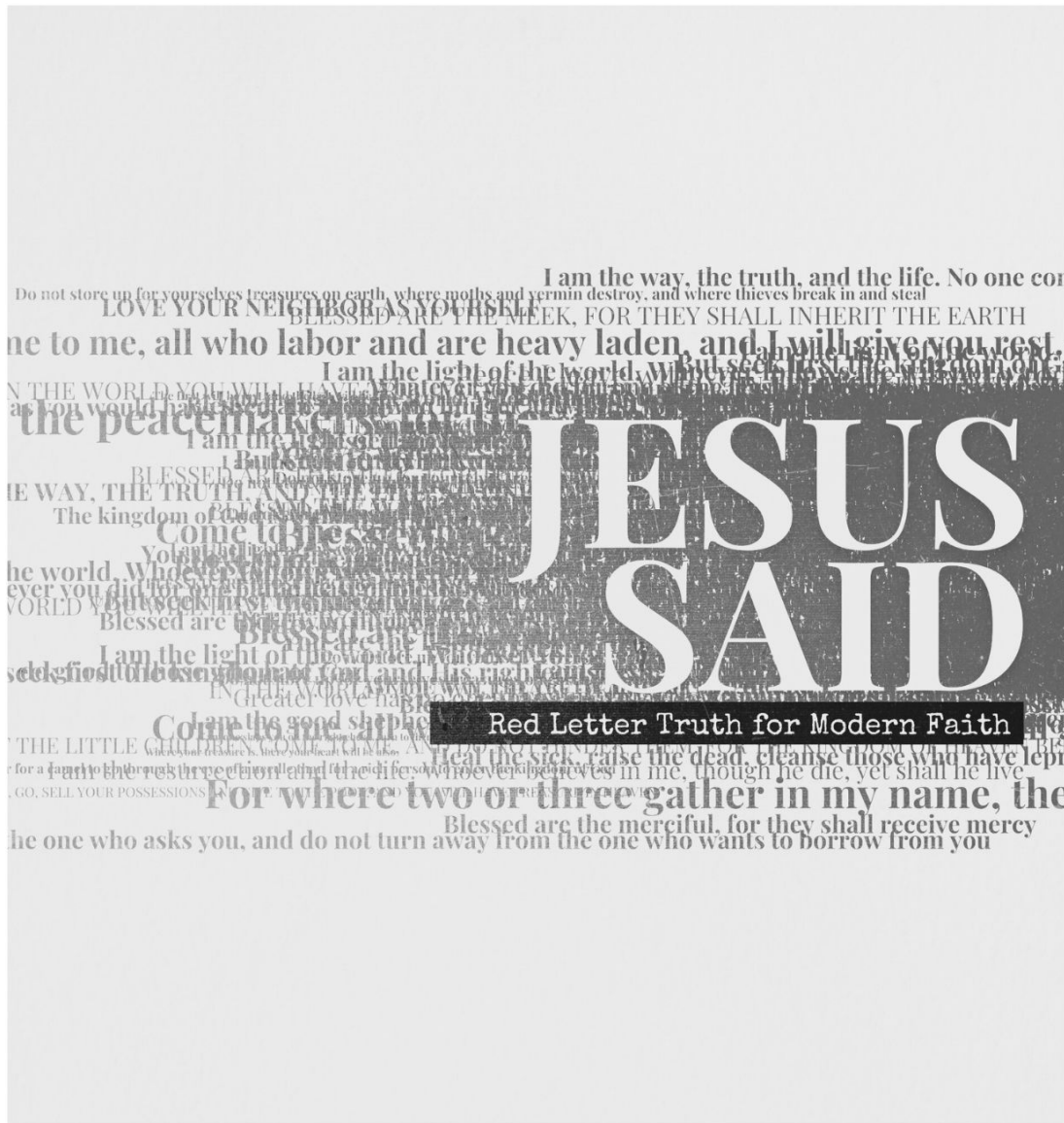




Our Saviour Lutheran Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday 06.09.24 10:30AM



JESUS SAID

Red Letter Truth for Modern Faith

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I am the light of the world. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. Love your neighbor as yourself. The kingdom of God is within you. Come to me, and I will give you life. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. I am the good shepherd. The little ones of the flock. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them and will honor them. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the who sow seeds of righteousness. Blessed are the who sow seeds of righteousness. Blessed are the who sow seeds of righteousness. Blessed are the who sow seeds of righteousness.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MEDITATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity (+) one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna of heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus (+), the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead - ELW #614

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is

preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 130 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

Out of the depths
I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!
**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord
**more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – God of Grace and God of Glory - ELW 705, v. 1
**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown
your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us**

wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE SERMON

Come to Me

Pastor Frank Waugh

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: When Peace Like a River #785

BAPTISM PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

I present Sophia for baptism.

The presiding minister:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: **I do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim
Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Sophia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into Sophia, who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Sophia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Sophia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Sophia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING RESPONSE: Let All Things Now Living - ELW #881 V.1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are over us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW p. 206)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

THE SANCTUS – (ELW p. 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, share, eat and live!

COMMUNION SONGS

AGNUS DEI - (ELW p. 208)

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death
our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from
guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with
God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with
your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, (+) be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: Soon and Very Soon - ELW #439**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE