ORDER FOR WORSHIP

13th Sunday After Pentecost – September 7, 2025

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP** - (Silence and Prayer is appropriate)

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Prayer of the Day

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

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**WE OFFER GIFTS TO GOD AS WE SAY THANKS**

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**WE LEAVE TO DO OUR WORK ON GOD’S BEHALF**

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Benediction

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Postlude

**Fall Worship at Our Savior’s Lutheran** is an opportunity for us to celebrate the joy of living as we gather to praise God for all of God’s gifts. We invite everyone to join us for **Rally Sunday** and root beer floats in Bethany Hall after the worship service this morning.

**New at Our Savior’s are the activity bags for the kids.** Grab a bag at the door before church and enjoy coloring, games and a special treat. The best part is you get to take this activity bag home with you! Each Sunday be sure to grab a new bag.🎒

**Today’s Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Ann Andrews from Brett and Jayann Andrews.



**We are looking for radio/Facebook live sponsors and altar flower sponsors**! We have dates open for both. Altar flowers are $50 per Sunday and the Radio Broadcast/Facebook Live is $100 per Sunday. If you have a special date in mind to be a sponsor call the office to get the date that is important to you. Thank you!

**Bibles for our 3-year-old children**

**📖** will be presented during Worship on Sunday, September 14th. We look forward to seeing you here as we celebrate and encourage our youth in their faith journey by sharing the Word of God with them.

***Ministry of Caring***

***We give thanks to God for God’s healing power. Your prayers have made a big difference in the lives of our people on this list. Please continue to pray for each person by name. As we offer our prayers, God’s love fills us with grace.***

**Health for Members**

Loraye Backer; Mary Ann Nordaune; Don Haugerud; Sheryl Maus;

Bea Hoppe; Lois Christenson; Dianne Dvergsten; Kyle Haase;

Darwin TeBeest; Jenell Dahl; Nancy Dack; Diane & Dennis Loose;

Mike Fagen; Julie Rhode; Lowell Hanson; Darlene Ulven; Tom Albrecht; Pastor Chris; Don Maland; Paul Arends; Marvin & Gayle Jensen;

Lynette Arends; Curt Winters; Marilyn Kvanli and Kathy Gilkey.

**Health for Others**

**Name****Requested By**

Emily Evenson Tom Albrecht

Amerie Tell, Mitch Augeson Sally Groothuis

Cathy Teske Pam Haugerud

Tim & Andrea Dreier Mary Ann Nordaune

Jerry Cronen Karen Kepner

Tim Johnson, Mike Halvorson Lois & DeVon Vien

Lyn Bonnema Margit Bonnema

Renae Eckberg Pastor Marie Eckberg

Delores Bursack Deb & Jerry Larson

Neal Dalton Doris Larson

Randy Lee Caren & Duane Johnson

Linda Bendickson, Brenda Ulven Darlene Ulven

Trevor Hansen Pat & Ron Binnebose

Pete Ziegler Rosie Dehli

Gina Jung Thorne Sue Varpness

Willard Arnold Yvonne Ward

Andi Moon Pam & Dave Arneson

Jim & Jody Renbarger Barb Smith

**Serving in the Military**

**Bowen Tesch,** grandson of Jim & Deb Bowen; **Paul Evenson,** son-in-law of Karyn Maass; **Dennis DeJong,** friend of Lois Christenson;

**Sean Prior,** grandson of DeVon & Lois Vien; **Justin Olsen,** grandson of Ken & Janice Olsen; **Alan Gronewold,** son of Gladys Nelson;

**Tyler Meyenburg,** son of Rick & Mort Meyenburg;

**Kirk Larson &** **Ross Larson,** sons of Jerry & Deb Larson;

**Daniel Harter & Shane McDonald,** sons-in-law of Susan Marcinkowski.

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**Week of September 8th through September 14th**

**Monday**

 6:30 pm Mission Endowment

**Tuesday**

 10:15 am Staff Meeting

 10:30 am Worship on Channel 180

 2:00 pm Brookside Holy Communion

**Wednesday**

7:00 am Roll with Jesus

9:30 am Altar Guild

 11:30 am Executive Board

 2:30 pm Worship on Channel 180

 5:00 pm Church Council

 5:00 pm Chimes Practice

 6:00 pm Handbell Practice

 6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

 7:00 pm W.O.W

 7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday**

 10:30 am Worship on Channel 180

**Sunday**

 9:00 am Praise Worship/Bibles for 3-year-old children

 10:15 am Sunday School

 11:00 am Worship on KDMA

 2:00 pm Senior Lites Event

**Reminder to sign up for the Senior Lites event, September 14th.** Show at 3:00 pm at Benson HS Performing Arts Center, bus will load at OSLC parking lot at 2:00 pm. $30 includes your ticket and bus. Sign up in the office by September 10th,

Hope to see you all there!

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

**Prayer of the Day**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Second Reading: Philemon 1-21**

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:
 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

25 Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

