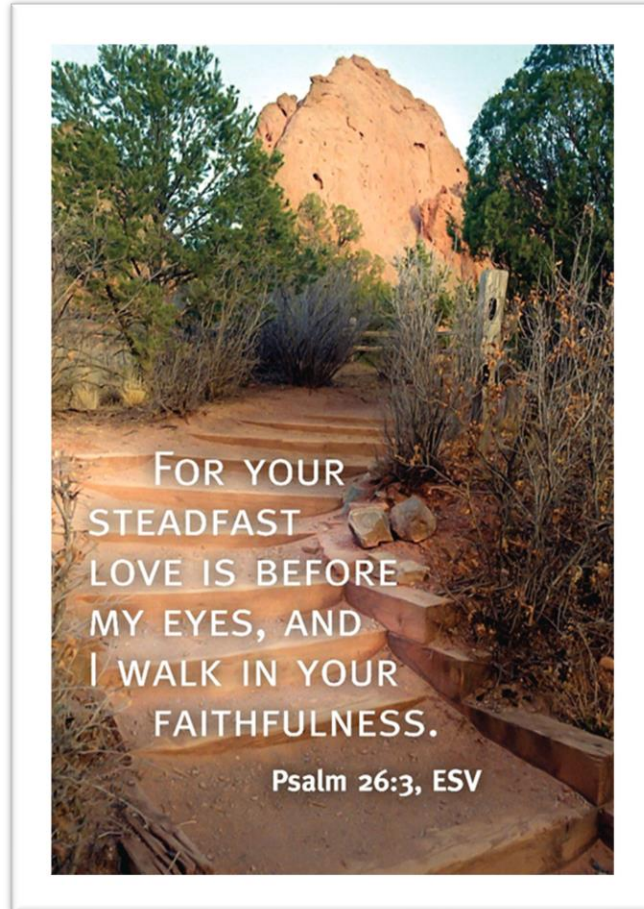


**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.  
August 30, 2020  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**PRELUDE – Lillian Pinkston**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***SHARING OF PEACE***

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)**

A: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**C: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

A: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**C: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

## GATHERING HYMN - Give Thanks Unto the Lord (Psalm 105)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENeewtIFIGc>

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen**

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection)*

L: Reconciling God,

**All: We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may love and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through +Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

### KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – What a Friend We Have in Jesus (The Purple Hulls)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hje9vyn5ki8>

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for  
the sake of the world.

**C: Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and  
give us strength to follow your commands,**

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will

deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 26**

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

<sup>2</sup>**Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>**I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message: “Ubuntu” – Tim Leitner, SAM**

Ubuntu Video – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMSqZckROfA>

**Link to video of Tim’s Sermon:** <https://youtu.be/Xw1wcp3-BZ0>

**HYMN OF THE DAY – How Can I Truly Say? – F.L.O. Acappella**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnL5iwoCqQ8>

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

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.

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

A: God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in live through him. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, to be patient in

suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Giver of every good tiding,

**C: we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others.**

A: Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it,

**C: and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING PRAYER

A: Faithful God, you kept your promise to us, nourishing us with the gift of salvation.

**C: Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN – Piano Selection: Lillian Pinkston

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

