



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Day Observed

October 25, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Shaped By the Word of Jesus
Matthew 22:34-46
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Living Savior Lutheran Church

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Visitors - You are welcome here! Please fill out a welcome card (located in the pew book racks and also in the Narthex). You may place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We would like to welcome you in a special way!

Children's Bags - As an aid for children's worship, special bags are available from the ushers. Please return them at the conclusion of service.

Nursery Space - We have an unstaffed nursery available for parents with small children. The nursery is located in the hall between the church office and sanctuary.

Listening Devices - Over-the-ear assisted listening devices and loop devices for hearing aids are available for use. Please ask an usher.

THIS WEEK AT LIVING SAVIOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:45 am Education Hour & Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15 pm Group Home Pumpkin Parable (F/H)
7:00 pm Al-Anon (Jericho)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 – Office Closed

All Student's Learn (upstairs south end)
10:00 am Today's Light Bible Study (Boardrm)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

All Student's Learn (upstairs south end)
7:00 pm Theology Tuesday (FH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

All Student's Learn (upstairs south end)
5:30 pm Handbell Practice (Sanct.)
7:00 pm Youth Confirmation. (Jr. Yth Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanct.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

All Student's Learn (upstairs south end)
2:00 pm Mtg. (Upper Room)
7:00 pm Memento Men's Group (Bethany)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 – Office Closed

9:30 am Bible Study (Boardroom)
7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon (Jericho/Sr. Youth Rm)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:00 pm Preschool Harvest Party (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:45 am Education Hour & Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Al-Anon (Jericho)

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Welcome and Opening Hymn – A Mighty Fortress

LSB 657

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 *Choir only*
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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Invocation (*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism*)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Choir - "Forgive Us Lord, For We Know What We Do" *words & music by Mark Burrows*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our

conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Choir – “The Church’s One Foundation” *arr. Sondra K. Tucker*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”? ⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message - *Children are welcome forward for Children's Message*

Sermon Hymn - A Lawyer Came Near *ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D ("Let All Things Now Living")*

A lawyer came near, asking Jesus a question; he did it to test him, to find Jesus' flaws:
O Teacher, we've listened and heard what you're saying.
Now which is the greatest of all of God's laws?
With six hundred thirteen
commandments to choose from,
now tell us your views!
Tell us: What do you say? —
The lawyer was searching for ways to accuse him by tripping up Jesus, that long-ago day.
Yet Jesus was wise and he knew what was happening;
he knew if he said that one law mattered more,
then he'd be accused of ignoring, belittling
the six hundred twelve that he chose to ignore.
So Jesus chose love: You should love the Lord dearly
with all of your heart and your soul and your mind.
And yes, there's another — to go, love your neighbor;
these two hold up all of the others, combined.
Lord Jesus, you teach us to love God and neighbor,
for love adds the flavor to all that we do.
At home or away, in our leisure or labor,
there's nothing that's greater than love — it is true!
And Lord, in this world that is filled with great suffering —
may we know that love is not just some ideal;
Your practical teaching is really far-reaching;
God's love is a gift that will help the world heal.

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Sermon – Shaped by the Word of Jesus

Matthew 22:34-46

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray...who while He was with us walking among us, taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Offertory

Service of the Sacrament *Setting 4 LSB pp. 208-212*

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Words of Our Lord

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God (*acapella*)

John 1:29

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution – LSB 844 Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace (tune: LSB 571);
LSB 705 The Man is Ever Blessed; LSB 975 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me

LSB 683 (Tune: LSB 717)

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!

Please be seated for announcements in support of our life together.
Please visit our Welcome Center for more information.

PARISH NOTES

October 25, 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY – We will observe All Saints' Day in our worship on November 1st. We are gathering names via this QR Code and will speak each one accompanied by the tolling of a bell. We also invite you to bring a photograph of loved ones who have died in faith this year and any who you want to be included. Pictures will be placed around the altar in the chancel before the service. I will speak the name and a bell will be tolled. We will bring our grief to the Lord who comforts us with the promise of resurrection and reunion together with all the company of heaven on the Last Day. We are connected in time and for eternity. ~ Peace, Pastor Kevin



FAMILY HARVEST PARTY – Living Savior Preschool would like to invite you to our Party on Saturday, October 31st, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All congregational families with children (ages 3 years to 5th grade) are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there! **RSVP to lspsdirector@living-savior.org**

COMMUNION HELP - As members of Living Savior Lutheran Church, we are blessed to have Communion Every Sunday. If any men or women would like to be part of the team that prepares for Communion or would like to see exactly what The Altar Guild does, please contact the office via email LSLC@Living-Savior.org or by phone 503-692-3490. We will be happy to give you a tour of the Sacristy and show what we do to support Communion on Sunday mornings.

GROUP HOME NEWS - October 25th will be our next Sunday Luncheon (pizza), the devotion will be "The Pumpkin Parable". Pumpkins will be involved. It will be a fun Sunday. Volunteers will be welcomed to join in the fun. Please be there by 12:15pm.

ATTENTION – ALL WOMEN – AN INVITATION to the West Hills Zone Women's Ministry Gathering - Saturday, November 7, 9:00am Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Beaverton - Have you ever wondered where the money goes that is donated in those Mite Boxes? We will be hearing how the grant recipients are selected and how so many people are blessed and impacted by these gifts. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

LIFE AT LIVING SAVIOR (new members/inquirers)

November 15, 22, 29, Dec 6 – 11:30 – 1:00PM /lunch provided

Please consider attending a course of 4 weeks to learn more about Life at Living Savior. The reading is available for download at <https://living-savior.org/life-living-savior/> or ask for a hardcopy at the Welcome Center. Blessings! Pastor Kevin

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH REKEY PROJECT

To enhance the safety and security of our Church and Pre-school, a comprehensive rekeying of the facility will take place on Monday, November 2nd. **Following the rekeying of the facility, keys currently in circulation will no longer work.** This project is intended to help maintain better control over who has keys to the facility. Over time, keys can be misplaced, duplicated, or kept after members have left the Church. Rekeying provides an opportunity to reset access and establish a clear, current record of issued keys. This is an important step in helping to ensure the safety and security of our facility, equipment, furnishings and most importantly our staff, church members and guests.

As part of the rekeying process, existing keys will be collected, and new keys will be issued to authorized individuals along with individual building alarm codes. The individual alarm codes will allow the Church to track the name and date/time a person arms or disables the building alarm.

Keys and alarm codes will be assigned based on need. Keys and alarm codes will not be assigned for convenience. Keys will either be assigned on a “long-term” or “short-term” basis. New keys must be requested by completing and submitting a Key Request form. Currently Key Request forms are available on the Welcome Center counter. Completed forms should be given to church staff personnel. You may also [apply at living-savior.org](http://living-savior.org).

Keys should be requested at least one week prior to the date needed. You will be notified when the key request has been approved and a time will be scheduled to pick up the key. Training in the proper use and function of keys and building alarm will be required before keys and alarm codes are issued.

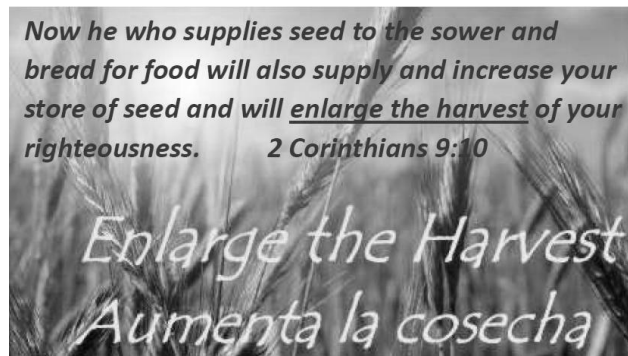
Please contact [Tom Sonoff](#) for further information.

PRAYERS NEEDED - LSLC is looking to expand the work of our Partners in Prayer Team and are inviting you to be a part of this! There are often people who desire prayer who feel their need is more private than can be shared during prayers in the service. We are looking for people who would be willing to pray 1:1 with people immediately following the service. This would be a scheduled role, so you would be able to sign up for the weeks that you are available, and the time frame would be roughly 15 minutes directly after the service. There will be one training course before starting. If this is something that you would be interested in or feel called to, please email Sarah at Sarah.hitchler@living-savior.org

THEOLOGY TUESDAY – We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. We are reading from *The Book of Concord*.

TRAINING – A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. They learn about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends. For more information, refer to the Logos or call the church office: 503-692-3490.

A SEASON OF HOPE, Amidst Grief and Loss, Fri., Nov. 20, 7:00 pm Living Savior will host a community worship service to help those who experience all types of grief (death, loss of job, divorce, health issues, miscarriage/infertility, etc.). The service will be Friday, November 20 at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be offered in the Narthex following the service. On the narthex bulletin board are flyers to give to friends, family and neighbors who might be interested in attending. On the back is information about a 13-week grief support class that begins January 12, 2027.



**LUTHERAN LATINO
MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER**

Saturday November 7

11:30 doors open

**Living Savior
Lutheran Church**

**Silent and Live Auctions!
Oaxacan Dancers!**

Inspiring Presentation! Your chance to support the mission!

Ticket prices are suggested donations

\$50/person or \$75/family or Sponsor a Table \$300



2026 CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 10/20/26

GENERAL FUND: \$489,772

BUDGET: \$500,769

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND: \$45,220

Attendance 10/18/2026 Service Total – 171

Thank you for your generous gifts!

- Future contributions to our Capital Fund will be set aside for large projects that are certain to arise in the future, such as a roof, HVAC, flooring, painting etc. These are likely to be very expensive and we would like to pay for them without having to undergo another capital campaign. Your ongoing faithful stewardship also ensures that we are able to continue with our ongoing missions, whether it be youth, the music ministry, funding our DCE, or other projects in our community.
- Contributions can now be made via credit card through the Vanco Mobile app. Please understand that this method incurs an additional 2.75% fee that is charged to Living Savior. You may also elect to cover this fee for the church or avoid the fee with a direct withdrawal from your bank account.
- If you would like to make contributions online or through your mobile device, you can download the app “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” on the Google Play Store or through the App Store on Apple devices. If you were previously using GivePlus Mobile, your login credentials for Vanco Mobile will remain the same. You will need to search “Living Savior Lutheran” or use “WE6DXP” as your invite code and add LSLC as one of your organizations.
- One giving option that may help you reduce your tax burden is a “Qualified Charitable Distribution”. For those with an IRA and have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) (age varies by birth year), you can bypass paying taxes on any proceeds that are gifted to a charity/religious organization/501c3. Instead of receiving the RMD, paying the full tax, and then making your regular offering contribution, you can instead have some portion of your RMD transfer directly from your IRA to a 501c3 organization (like Living Savior) and avoid paying taxes on that income. If you would like more general information about this, please contact Adam Wilkie. For anything more specific or detailed, please consult your tax advisor.