



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso

Assisting Minister—Michele Coldren
Communion Assistants—Jason and Erin Parker
Communion Prep—Michele Coldren
Lector—Nancy Nelson
Greeter—Peter and Sue Hanewall
Ushers—Bill Frisbee, Skip Rath,
Nancy Schmidt, and Mark Sorenson

THE GENEROUS LIFE

Every breath we take, every relationship we cherish, every sunrise we witness—these are all gifts from a God whose generosity knows no bounds. For three weeks in October, we're exploring *The Generous Life*, a sermon series that examines how God's lavish giving shapes the way we're meant to live. From the changing seasons to the people we love, God's fingerprints are everywhere, reminding us that we were created not just to receive but to give in the same abundant way. Research confirms what Scripture has long taught us: that generosity doesn't just help others—it transforms us, increasing our happiness, reducing stress, and deepening our relationship with God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow worship card, which will be collected during the gathering hymn.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending—#ELW 678

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated after prayer.

TEMPLE TALK

Skip Rath

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9

L: We read Psalm 96 responsively:

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

L: A reading from Philippians.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia—ELW #174



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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Anne Andert

A Generous Life: Contentment, Gratitude, and Joy

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

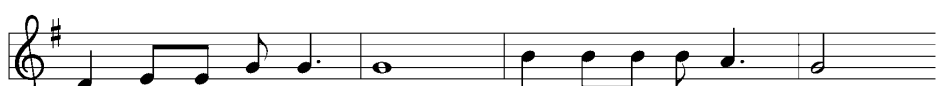
This Little Light of Mine—ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. ***Repeat verse 1***

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: We come humbly to God in prayer for the church, the community, and the world.

A brief silence.

A: Good and gracious God, you pour abundant blessings on us. Give us the ability to recognize those blessings, and hearts that respond with love and generosity to the needs around us. Be with this congregation as we seek to be faithful stewards of our financial resources. Be in the challenging conversation that our decisions are grounded in trust and reality. The Lord is near.

C: Help us not be anxious about anything.

A: We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. For the many who have toiled to ready donations for the Harvest Festival, for those who donated, for those who worked, for those who baked. For those who sing, for those who read, for those who lead. Not just this week, but around the year. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. For you are near.

C: Help us not be anxious about anything.

A: We pray for the next pastor, that you would prepare their heart for the ministry in this place among us. And prepare our hearts to receive them warmly and with excitement. For you are near.

C: Help us not be anxious about anything.

A: We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans and mountains. Protect the life that lives there, and sustain all who work to preserve that sacred beauty. For you are near.

C: Help us not be anxious about anything.

P: God of healing and wholeness, we pray for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit. Hear the names of those we carry in our hearts.
[silence] We pray for our bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe.
For you are near.

C: Help us not be anxious about anything.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable,
using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**
After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

*Offering is received as ushers pass the plate
down each row. As we sing the Offertory,
ushers bring offering forward.*



OFFERING ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

-Kosche

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be—ELW #583:1-3

Refrain



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

To stanzas *Last time*

1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing

at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;

take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with

beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.

Refrain

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray... God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in
love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Receive who you are; Become what you've received:
The body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion.

*Come forward by the center aisle and return to pews by side aisle.
The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white
grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty
cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

HOLY COMMUNION

For those joining us by livestream.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray... Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us
with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table
to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation,
healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we
pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING_____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION ✚

SENDING HYMN

May the God of Hope Go with Us—ACS #984

May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.

REFRAIN

Pray - ing, let us work for peace; Sing - ing, share our
joy with all; Work - ing for a world that's new;
Faith - ful when we hear Christ's call. *Repeat*

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Music: Argentine folk melody
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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace,

**C: to do justice,
love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday (October 25), during worship, four of our young people will make a public profession of their faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Owen Lovejoy, Daniel Parker, Delaney Van Fleet, and Jacob Wallendal will have completed their work within our confirmation program and will now be ready to become full, confirmed members of our congregation. Thank you, parents and mentors, for guiding them along the way. Congratulations and God's blessings to our new confirmands.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 25, we will receive **Estimate of Giving Cards** to support the ministry of Our Savior's in 2027. As we reflect on God's abundant generosity, please prayerfully consider how you are called to give, trusting God to provide, sustain, and guide us as we live **The Generous Life** together. During worship, everyone will have the opportunity to place their commitment in the "little" Our Savior's at the front of the sanctuary.

TIME & TALENT COMMITMENTS

Stewardship is about faithfully sharing the time, talents, and resources God has given us. During this stewardship season, please prayerfully consider how you might share your gifts in our ministry. **Time and Talent booklets and commitment forms** are available outside the sanctuary by the elevator. Online forms are preferred at oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/time.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday (November 1) we publicly remember those who have passed away. If you have had a loved one pass away since November of 2025 and you would like to include them in our remembrances, please record their name in the book on the podium by the elevator or contact the church office.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH 6TH GRADE+

There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, November 4** for all youth grade 6 and above, along with their parents, for those who are interested in beginning confirmation. The meeting will be from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm. If you have questions or can not attend, please contact Pastor Anne.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is pleased to present age-appropriate Bibles to our children during worship on **Sunday, November 8**. Bibles are typically presented at age 3, 3rd grade, and 6th grade, with each one selected to encourage children to explore and grow in God's Word.

If your child is ready to receive a Bible—or has not yet received one—please let us know! The ages listed are guidelines, so we want to make sure every child has the opportunity to receive a Bible. Please call the church office at (608) 362-0716 or email office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org to let us know your child will be attending worship on November 8.

KIDS CONNECT | YOUTH CONNECT

Kids Connect (children pre-k through 5th grade) follows a play-based curriculum that corresponds with the church calendar.

Youth Connect, a space to explore what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives and is for youth in grades 6-12.

Youth Connect and Kids Connect is from 10:15 am - 11:00 am.

Children and youth will leave the service after communion, get a bite to eat to bring to class, then head upstairs.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost for a red or white poinsettia is \$13. Envelopes are available outside the Sanctuary. Please note, all orders and payment must be received no later than Sunday, November 15.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.

Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	October 18	8:30a 9:30a 10:15a 10:15a 10:30a 11:30a 1:00p	Choir Worship Kids Connect Youth Connect Coffee Hour Cookie Decorating Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	October 19	2:00p	Shalom Circle
Tuesday	October 20	10:00a 11:00a 1:00p 7:00p	Visitation Kathy Larson Funeral Kathy Larson Elizabeth Circle Dartball
Wednesday	October 21	9:00a 5:00p 7:00p	Men's Group (Riverside) Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Confirmation
Thursday	October 22	6:00p 6:30p	OA Board Meeting
Sunday	October 25	9:30a 10:15a 10:15a 10:30a 1:00p	Worship Kids Connect Youth Connect Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next week by studying the scriptures.

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 46
- Romans 3:19-28
- John 8:31-36

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