

# Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

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## Pastor's Message

*This month I have chosen a Bible study to help you think about your faith and how we are spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to people in the community who have not heard how much Jesus loves them.*

**Focus Question:** *What bold thing have you done related to your faith?*

**Tips of Discipleship:** *Be Bold*

**“Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’”**  
Matthew 9:12 (NRSV)

I invite you to read Matthew 15:21-28

At the time of Jesus, it was important for those who followed the Jewish faith to remain ritually pure. Consequently, the Pharisees and scribes were quite upset when the disciples of Jesus would not wash their hands before they would eat. But Jesus challenged the Pharisees concerning what made a person clean or unclean by saying, “It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” (Matthew 15:11 NRSV) Time and time again, Jesus emphasized what was in the heart of the person. That core principle allowed Jesus to respond to people based on their faith and not based on exterior factors.

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1. *What does the phrase "in the heart of the person" mean?*
2. *Give examples of times when Jesus responded to someone based on their heart rather than exterior factors.*

Following this discussion Jesus encountered a Canaanite woman who would test his principles. She had many factors that were against her including being both a Gentile and a woman. Thus, by a rating scale established by her society, she had no status in two categories. Yet this woman came to Jesus on behalf of her daughter shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." She did not seem to know she was to remain silent. Jesus did not answer.

3. *How could Jesus ignore the woman? Is this a typical reaction of Jesus? How so?*
4. *How would you expect this woman to respond when she is ignored by Jesus?*

The disciples wanted Jesus to send her away so she would not bother them anymore. She was an "outsider" who didn't seem to know or accept her place. This woman – who was declared by society and Jewish law to not have a voice – chose to use her voice to cry to Jesus repeatedly.

5. *Why didn't this woman get the hint and leave?*
6. *What was motivating her persistent behavior?*

Jesus responded with a somewhat puzzling remark. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew 15:24 NRSV) The words of Jesus appeared to explain his behavior towards the woman. But these words were not satisfactory to the woman, so she engaged Jesus in a conversation as she begged Jesus for help. Jesus seemed to be unmoved commenting, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." (Matthew 15:26 NRSV)

7. *What could Jesus possibly have meant by this comment about dogs?*
8. *How would this comment have sounded to the woman?*

Nevertheless, this woman persisted for the sake of her daughter. She was willing to take crumbs of Jesus for even crumbs would be sufficient to heal her daughter. Despite the odds against her, this woman's inner qualities of humility and faithfulness came through to Jesus. He responded to her faith and healed her daughter instantly.

9. *What can be learned from this story?*

*(Room for Notetaking Provided in Back Pages of Bulletin)*

# Pastor's Message Continued.

## **WORD** among us

Ralph could not believe it. There he was in the same restaurant as his grandfather's most favorite baseball player. His grandfather loved baseball – almost more than anything.

Not much brought joy to his grandfather these days. His health had declined and most of his friends had died in recent years. Sometimes his grandfather's loneliness and grief overwhelmed him. This was painful for Ralph to watch. About the only thing that brought his grandfather relief from his misery was watching baseball games on television – especially the player eating lunch fifteen yards away from Ralph.

Normally, Ralph was a quiet man and would never intrude on anyone. But, something stirred within Ralph and he began a mission to get an autograph for his grandfather. Ralph believed an autograph would be a perfect gift for his grandfather – something to bring him joy. Instinctively, Ralph jumped out of his seat. He would have to act quickly. The baseball player had been spotted and crowds pressed upon him, causing him to head towards the exit.

Ralph heard a loud voice come out of his throat. Ralph never, ever knew he could yell so loud. Everyone in the restaurant turned and stared at him. Ralph kept on yelling wonderful things about his beloved grandfather and begging for an autograph. Simply put, Ralph would not be quiet. Finally, the baseball player consented.

- 1. What possessed Ralph to respond in such an atypical way?*
- 2. When have you acted boldly?*
- 3. Would your friends describe you as bold? Why or why not?*
- 4. When might it be good to be bold?*

The woman who approached Jesus concerning her daughter probably knew she had no place or status to make a request of him. She came to him out of a mother's love for her child. She did not ask for wealth, fame, or privilege, but for the health of her child. Her faith in Jesus was firm and steadfast. This woman knew Jesus could perform miracles. She also knew she did not need much from him – just a few crumbs.

- 5. Describe that woman's faith.*
- 6. Whom do you know who has faith like this woman?*

This story is about bold behavior; but more than that. It is about faith. The Canaanite woman came in prayer, begging Jesus for mercy. She came hoping and expecting a miracle.

- 7. Take a moment to reflect on an act of mercy from Jesus for your life. What would you ask?*
- 8. Do you expect Jesus to respond? Why or why not?*
- 9. What might we learn from this woman?*

## **Prayer**

Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me. Strengthen me in faith so I might turn to you to meet my needs. Amen

## **Dig Deeper**

Psalm 67

## **last word**

Take a moment to offer  
a bold prayer to God, trusting a response will come.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jennifer

# Celebrating with Our Congregation

## Birthdays

- ♦ August 2 – Finn Kopczynski
- ♦ August 2 – Madison Youngman
- ♦ August 3 – Gina Davis
- ♦ August 4 – Carol Christman
- ♦ August 7 – Melissa Ratzlaff
- ♦ August 12 – Ethan Dehn
- ♦ August 15 – John Embree
- ♦ August 21 – Madeline Meyers
- ♦ August 23 – Chelsea Dehn
- ♦ August 24 – Caleb Dehn
- ♦ August 25 – Katie Vaughn
- ♦ August 26 – Aaron & Zachary Duncan
- ♦ August 29 – Christine Garcia
- ♦ August 30 – Tony Ekdale

## Anniversaries

- ♦ August 7 – Don & Delores Rehms
- ♦ August 15 – Ann & Bob Pool
- ♦ August 24 – Bob & Barbara Hunter



# Mark Your Calendars!



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 8th



\*Note that there is no outdoor gathering for this month\*



*If you would like any information featured in the newsletter, please note that all information should be emailed no later than the 20th of every month at 12:00PM.*

# President's Message

I think the word for July and August is **hot**. Hope you all are having a good summer and able to take some vacation.

It is sure good to see many of you back in church on Sundays. Slowly things are getting better, but it is still going to be a bit before we are back to normal with the Delta variant of the virus still affecting many.

Our longtime church member Fred Johnson will have moved north to Oregon to be close to son Tim & family by the time you receive this newsletter. He headed up the property committee for many years and then got me hooked on doing property. We will certainly miss him but do wish him Godspeed.

Speaking of property, take a look at the flower bed in front of Moreland Hall. All the overgrown plants in it were removed. Nelly Walker has planted a good-looking bed of succulent plants. Thank you, Nelly.

After 26 years of doing the janitorial services for OSLC & the OSLC Children's Center, Sylvia Gaard will retire on August 2. We thank her for her many years of service and all that she has done for the church. Even though she will not be cleaning the church any longer, we will see her in church. With her retiring we have hired the services of a company called Allcom, which is run by one of Sylvia's friends, Luis Ramirez. We met with Luis and he will start cleaning on the second of August for both OSLC and OSLC Children's Center.

The church's CAL-OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) work safety plan, which the council approved last June, has been updated removing many of the restrictions as a result of the state's lessening of requirements on June 22. It was approved by the council. If you would like to see and/or read the plan let the church office, myself or Pastor know and we can either email it to you or get you a copy.

The preschool is doing well. Their enrollment for the summer is a little less than it was during the school season, around 36. As a point of information, back in January the preschool was having some financial problems and the council approved a temporary halt to charging them their share of the utilities. With things better now Bob will begin billing them for their share of the utilities again. Also, Bob reported that he is working on the forgiveness paperwork for the second draw of the \$80k Paycheck Protection Program Loan with the Small Business Administration (SBA). We were forgiven the first loan received back in November and now anticipate forgiveness on the second draw. Thank you, Bob Hunter, for doing all the paperwork associated with this effort.

We continue our services online on Sundays at 10AM on Facebook, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-Orange, and post it to be watched later on the church's website, [www.orangeoslc.org](http://www.orangeoslc.org), or even later on the Facebook page or our YouTube channel, [bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran](https://bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran). As I shared last month council approved the purchase of a couple of cameras, new microphones, some mixing equipment, etc. at an estimated cost of \$14,000 so that we will be able to continue the online services and remove the camera and tripod out of the center aisle. \$5,000 has been received from the Pacifica Synod and as of this writing contributions of \$2,100 have been received. Thank you to those who made those contributions. At the council meeting this month we looked at the sanctuary and have tentatively determined the locations for the equipment. So an order will be made for what I call the first phase of the equipment, cameras, control board, computer and some microphones.

Serene Flores, our new office administrator, is now on board. Her office hours are Monday thru Wednesday 9AM to 2PM. When convenient, stop by, introduce yourself and say hi.

Hope to be seeing all of you in church.

Blessings,

Steve Vannier

# Staff

**Pastor:** *The Rev. Jennifer Zahnow*

**Director of Music:** *Chelsea Dehn*

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# Congregational Council & Committee They Serve

**Adult Fellowship:** *Carol Youngman*

**Christian Ed:** *Kristin Tolentino & Violet Yoshizumi*

**Finance:** *Bob Hunter*

**Men's Ministry:** *Lawton Miller*

**OSCC Board:** *Christine Garcia*

**Personnel:** *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Property:** *Steve Vannier*

**Stewardship:** *Pastor Jennifer*

**Social Ministry:** *Pastor Jennifer*

**Women's Ministry:** *Carol Youngman*

**Worship & Music:** *Christine Garcia*

**President:** *Steve Vannier*

**Vice President:** *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Secretary:** *Kristin Tolentino*

**Treasure:** *Bob Hunter*

## A Quick Introduction:

Recently, the church hired Serene Flores as the new Office Administrator. Serene is a recent 2020 graduate from Vanguard University. She studied Theology with a specific interest in Intercultural Studies. Due to the pandemic, Serene's plans to go into ministry right after graduating took a few twists and turns. She picked up floral design on the way as well as a year of professional administrative experience working at a school. She is grateful that God led her here after quite the growing experiences!

Serene loves houseplants, cats, trying new foods, and spending time outdoors with her husband (though the mosquitos are quite virulent at this time of year).

As noted last month, we would like to thank Melissa Pool for her time as Interim Office Administrator, and we are excited to be working with Serene as she steps in to fill Melissa's "shoes"!



# Resources for Daily Worship at Home

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## PSALMODY

Give | glory to God, our | light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Come, let us sing to the Lord: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. Come, let us sing to the Lord: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us sing to the Lord: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Come, let us sing to the Lord: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

## READINGS – CAN BE FOUND ON THE CALANDER INCLUDED

### *Morning Prayer Benedictus*

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

## PRAYERS

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

# Resources for Daily Worship at Home

*Other thanksgivings may be added.*

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

# August Daily Bible Readings For Home Worship

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Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32 Ephesians 4:17-24	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 1 Corinthians 12:27-31	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Isaiah 55:1-9 Mark 8:1-10	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Samuel 28:20-25 Romans 15:1-6	Psalm 34:1-8 2 Samuel 17:15-29 Galatians 6:1-10	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Kings 2:1-9 Matthew 7:7-11
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1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25—5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Psalm 81 1 Kings 17:1-16 Ephesians 5:1-14	Psalm 81 Ruth 2:1-23 2 Peter 3:14-18	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 6:35-40	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 11:1-20 Acts 6:8-15	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 12:1-25 Romans 16:17-20	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 13:1-19 John 4:7-26
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Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Psalm 36 Genesis 43:1-15 Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 36 Genesis 45:1-15 Acts 7:9-16	Psalm 36 Genesis 47:13-26 Mark 8:14-21	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:10-20 Romans 13:11-14	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:21-34 Luke 11:5-13
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29	30	31	<i>"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord. Teach me your decrees."</i> Psalm 119: 11-12			
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:9-14 1 Timothy 4:6-16	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:15-20 1 Peter 2:19-25				

## Notes:

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# Remember in Prayer

***Darlene Steege, Sylvester Vaughn, Heather Wilkens, Kay Boatman, Helen Werner, Wes Hayes (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke), Lance and Jean Thompson-Hailstone, Kristin Maxwell, Rebekah Simmet, Greg Peck, Bob & Dorothy Daw, Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Andrew Taylor. All who have been affected by COVID-19, fires, and storms around the world. Police officers, firefighters, medical professionals and all who are serving on the front lines during these uncertain times. All military chaplains and all who are serving in the military both at home and abroad.***



This image shows a full-page view of a piece of white paper with horizontal red lines, typical of notebook paper. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. At the top center, the word "Notes:" is printed in a bold, black font. In the bottom right corner, there is a small portion of a red-covered book or folder. In the bottom left corner, there is a blurred object that appears to be a pen or pencil lying on a surface.



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of our worship service.

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