SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SERMON: 5 PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH AND YOUR LIFE

How healthy are you? That depends. Am I asking about your financial or physical health? You might have lots of money but be very sick. Am I asking about your relational health to yourself and others? Or I could ask, as you might expect, are you spiritually healthy? If you are healthy in all areas of your life, except in your relationship with God, then you're in deep trouble.

In today's sermon we will examine and learn:

- How we need to have a well balance healthy spiritual life
- The five major areas of our relationship with God, and how each is important and tied to the other areas
- Love is the most important part of having a healthy relationship with God and others



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The Nursery, ages 0-4, is open every Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENT: CALL COMMITTEE REQUESTS NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION

The Call Committee asks that members of the congregation would begin prayerful consideration of candidates to receive a call from Risen Savior Lutheran Church, to serve as our Senior Pastor following the retirement of Pastor Cameron next year. Per our bylaws, the committee will begin receiving names of candidates that the congregation may wish to nominate for a call. The nomination period will remain open for a 30 day period beginning next Sunday, August 8, and continuing through September 7. All nominations should be in writing, and may be submitted to any member of the Call Committee or through the church office.

Members of the Call Committee are:

Stein Cass - Call Committee Chair Ron Friedrich - Board of Elders Chairman Jim Walker - Board of Directors Vice-Chair Mark von der Lage - Board of Directors Representative Therese Cass - HR Committee Representative Connie Eskam - At Large Member Andy Hammes - At Large Member

Thank you all for helping us to begin the call process.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

- Give Online Now with your Credit/Debit Card
- Joyful Response now has Mobile App: Make church contributions electronically through your checking or savings account! Download the "GivePlus" app from Google Play Store or Apple Store. Type in "Risen Savior Lutheran Church" or the zipcode "80023". Joyful Response is through Lutheran Church Extension Fund, who generously pays all processing fees.
- More giving options available at <u>www.rslc.org</u>

Questions? Contact Lynda Kluth, Finance Manager through the church office.

Thank you for your financial contributions to the ministries at Risen Savior! It's the middle of the year and a great time to review your giving year-to-date. Login to your church Realm account or contact the church office for a mid-year contribution statement.

SUNDAYS

CALL FOR COOKIE DONATIONS

Coffee and fellowship after services has returned! We are in need of donations to help out our coffee hosts. Please bring some cookies or treats you would enjoy on a Sunday morning to help us replenish our stock. All goodies can be dropped off in the kitchen.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Pick up devotional booklets from the kiosk in the Fellowship Center. There are many to choose from: Portals of Prayer, Hope-Full Living, Our Daily Bread, Go with God, The Greatest Love, If My People. Take one for a friend!

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD!

PSALM 150:6

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

Sunday School Classes K-5

VBS Rocky Railway Sunday morning 9:20am – 10:30am CrossTraining Parents Lori Hakes, Director of Children's Ministries

Sunday School Grades 6-12

Sunday morning 9:30—10:30am <u>Nick Duclos, Director of Student Ministry</u>

Student Ministries Youth Group

Sunday afternoons 12:00 - 2:00pm <u>Nick Duclos, Director of Student Ministry</u>

Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday afternoons 3:00-5:00pm Nick Duclos, Director of Student Ministry

CONGREGATION SURVEY

Our church is participating in an LCMS revitalization program called Re:Vitality. This will provide opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. In order to make the most of this program, we need your input to know where to start. Everyone will receive a survey that will be open from August 15th-September 5th.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Risen Savior Board of Directors wishes to express its thanks to Henry A. Sand, Esq., www.SandLaw.com, for services rendered to the congregation recently in consultation and development of a contractual agreement. His time and attention is appreciated.

EVENTS



Summer and hello to Fall!

YARD WORK DAY AT CHURCH

Bring your yard work tools and gloves and join us on Wednesday, August 18th from 9:00am to 12:00pm to spruce up Risen Savior. Breakfast burritos and ice water will be provided. Three to four projects will be completed each day. Men, women, and children are invited to join. Email Bob Jones at rmjones54@hotmail.com to confirm your intent to help!

LCMS GIFT PLANNING

Jesus said in Matthew 6, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Life is in Jesus and anything we find in our estates is not really life. We look to manage those gifts in light of eternal life. Your Risen Savior Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

LUTHERAN VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT September 16-19

Are you interested in joining a men's retreat? Spots are filling up fast!! For more information or to sign up, go to <u>rslc.org</u>. We'll see you there! Contact Kevin Hischke or Ryan Robbins about past retreats through the <u>church office</u>.

YOUNG ADULT FALL KICKOFF BBQ AND MOVIE NIGHT

September 10th at 6:00pm

We are kicking off our Young Adult connect group (ages 20-35) with a BBQ and movie! Join us on September 10th at Risen Savior. For more information, contact Colten Highley or Nick Duclos through the <u>church office</u>.

CONNECT GROUPS RECONNECTING

Are you looking for a church community outside of service? Watch for our volunteers who will be contacting everyone in the congregation about our small group ministry that connects us in: fellowship, prayer, studying God's word, and serving together. For more information or if you're ready to be involved, please contact Lisa Highley at lisarock18@gmail.com or Vince Van Zago at vlvanzago@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING

DIAPER DRIVE JULY UPDATE

In July we collected and delivered 500 diapers to the MyChoice Pregnancy Center! Let's keep the momentum going and collect 500 more in August! Thank you to everyone helping these new moms. For August, MyChoice is in need of *size 3 diapers*. Diapers can be dropped off in the MyChoice Resource Center basket under the Service board. For more information, please contact Lori McLean through the

church office.



FUNERAL RECEPTION TEAM

We are looking for volunteers as well as someone to oversee and lead this team. Risen Savior's Funeral Reception Team helps on the day of the reception to set out food and clean up; occasionally they may also man the guest book table or set out flowers on the altar. If you have a caring and compassionate heart, and would be willing to lend a hand for a couple of hours on an as-needed basis, please contact Marcia Rollins through the <u>church office</u>.

DENVER RESCUE MISSION

On August 18th, Denver Rescue Mission is serving the community at the Lawrence Street Shelter dinner service. Sign up at the Service board in the Fellowship Hall. Spots are filing up fast!

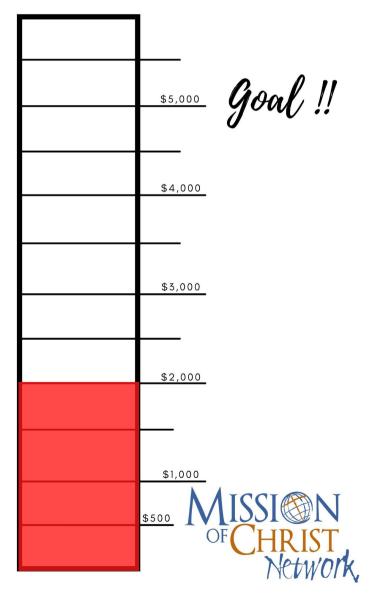


MISSION OF CHRIST NETWORK

Risen Savior is hosting a fundraiser to raise \$5,000 to help build two places of worship in either Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam with \$5,000

of matching funds from an anonymous Lutheran donor. We have our goal tracker up on the Service Board in the Fellowship Area to track our progress! We are at \$2,000! Donate if you can, or pray for financial support for this wonderful opportunity. For more information, contact the church office. Please

make checks out to Risen Savior Lutheran Church.



MUSIC

GLOW VOCAL CHOIR

We're starting a fun new vocal choir for grades 2-12 called GLOW (God Loves Our Worship). Parents who are interested in having their child sing in GLOW this fall, please contact Lori Hakes by August 31st. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings after the last service; starting with two rehearsals a month. We will work around Youth Band schedule, if your student wants to participate in both. Specific schedule plans will be shared with interested families in September. Let's GLOW together!



HANDBELL & CHIMES THIS FALL

Children and students in grades 2-12 are welcome to attend fun rehearsals and play for worship services this school year! We'll have a parent information meeting called Ringers Round Up on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Rehearsals begin the following Tuesday in the afternoons on September 14th. Rehearsal time will be finalized at Ringers Round Up based on group family members and availability.



WORSHIP & THE WORD

Our music ministry has started a new series called Worship and the Word. We will take a deeper dive into worship songs we play in services; highlighting the meanings and the scriptures that inspired them. Check it out on our YouTube!



YOUTH BAND

Rehearsals: Sundays, 10:30am-12:00pm

Can't make it in July? Join at anytime! For more information, contact: <u>Sarah O'Connor.</u>

Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, August 15th Sunday, August 22nd Farewell to Summer Service at 9am



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings 9:15- 10:15am, rooms 204-205 *Elisha and other prophets,* led by John Elverum Check out our website for full information and Zoom links for this Bible study.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings 10:45-11:45am *A Work in Progress* by Carla Krazl We will address the desire for self-improvement and puts God's Word at the center of the discussion. We will hear God's desire for our actions and realize the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Join Stein Cass as he leads the class through these topics and how we can follow God's plan for our self-improvement.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday evenings 6:45-8:00pm Jonah by Priscilla Shirer Resumes August 24th and lasts for six weeks. To sign up, contact Nancy Timm through the <u>church</u> <u>office</u>.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00am *1 Peter: Living Way* Begins September 8th. Join us for study and prayer with friends in God's house. To sign up, contact Annette Wagenknecht through the <u>church office</u>.

Men's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday mornings 8:30–10:00am John: The Word Became Flesh Classes online through Zoom. For more information contact Kevin Hischke through the <u>church office</u>.





<u>Women's Thursday Bible Study</u>

Thursday mornings 9:00 – 11:00am Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus by Lisa Harper

Six week video study in-person at church and on Zoom. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but is also so relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Jesus is our accessible King and the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Hebrews helps us make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end. Order Your Book by August 27 by <u>CLICKING HERE</u> or contact Lynda through the <u>church office</u>.

Men's Friday Bible Study

Friday Mornings 6:30am One Book at a Time Men gather online to pray, read and discuss God's Word.

Zoom meeting information on our website Leader: Duane Highley 303-514-6321

MISSION GROUP UPDATE

Mission of Christ Network

From the Lo Family: During the month of July, Fung continued to travel and visit churches in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. During his traveling, Fung got to witness the love of Christ to many individuals along the way. At two different occasions, Fung purchased gas for two individuals that needed gas for their vehicles. During Fung's interactions with them, he learned that both individuals were Christians. After Fung purchased gas for them, Fung thought to himself, "Did they trick me to buy gas for them, or did they really need help? Whatever their motives were, they certainly will never get rich by conning people. However, I felt rich with love for them." This is why the scripture says, "It more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). In some ways, our family also in similar situation as those men that needed help. That is why Fung was traveling to visit and speaking at churches to ask for their financial support for the Lord's work in Southeast Asia. We pray and hope that you felt rich and blessed when you gave to the Lord's work through our family. Please continue to pray for our financial support and our Hmong pastors as we continue to engage others in the mission of God. Pray for more churches for Fung to visit as he plans to visit Florida-Georgia and Pacific Southwest Districts in the Fall and Winter seasons.

Crossing Cambodia

From the Holz Family: We are excited to let everyone know that Sinuon passed her citizenship exam and received her certificate on the very same day! She is now an American! While this part is past, we still need to get her a US passport before she can return to Cambodia. As a US citizen she now cannot legally leave the USA without an American passport. Currently in the US there is a huge backlog on passports and processing times are through the roof. We have been trying very hard to get an appointment at a passport agency to request a passport for urgent travel but there is no way at present to make appointments online and it has been impossible to talk to a person on the phone. We already expected that we would have to delay our return to Cambodia as we await new passports for Richard and Elena, but if we are forced to apply for Sinuon's passport by the traditional method it may not be until October that she could return to Cambodia. We had been praying for a miracle that would allow us to return to Cambodia by September, but because of this uncertainty, the unclear situation with schools in Cambodia, and with the ever changing Covid situation over in Cambodia we have decided that there are just too many variables and uncertainties ahead of us. As such we have decided that we will return to Concordia, MO for the fall and enroll our kids there for the fall semester again. Once everyone is settled, I will try to go back to Cambodia to take care of things there and we will keep an eye on the ever changing situation to decide when it will be best to return. Obviously, this is not how we envisioned our travels this year, but we must trust God's plans for our family and continue to go where ever He leads us. Please pray that God will watch out for our family as there are so many uncertainties and challenges ahead of us at the moment. Pray that God will make our path clear and that He will lead us back to Cambodia according to His plan and timing.