



*13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018*



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WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God's house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it's the good news on every page of God's Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacraments (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

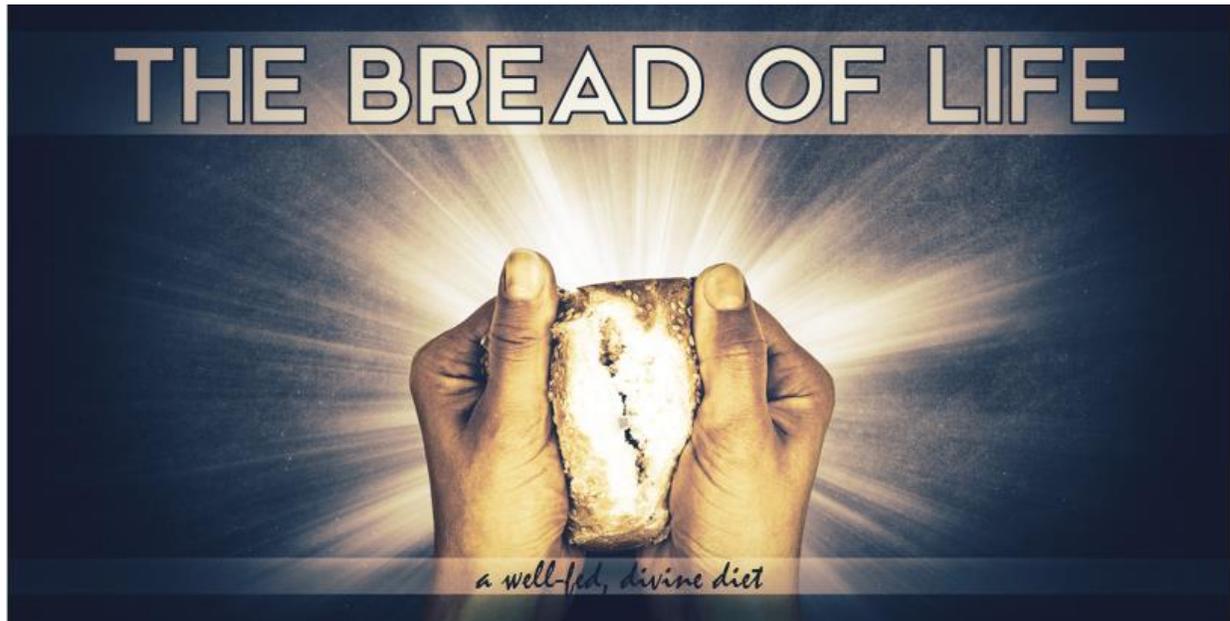
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour's proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).





- July 29 – The Bread of Life... feeds generously
- August 5 – The Bread of Life... feeds eternally
- August 12 – The Bread of Life... feeds with divine wisdom
- August 19 – The Bread of Life... feeds offensively**

Daily food is one of those necessities that God provides in life. We work for it. We enjoy it. We thank him for it with common prayers before and after our meals. God's love and care give it to us. That's not the most important food we need. God also provides us with the bread we need for eternal life. This week Jesus lets us know how his food is by nature offensive to us. It is contradictory to our gut instincts about God. Thankfully, through the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit makes those same teachings the sweet-tasting words of eternal life. The more we are in contact with the Word, the more it's offensiveness is removed and our appetite for his Word grows all the more.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thomas Moldenhauer – pastor of Our Saviour's

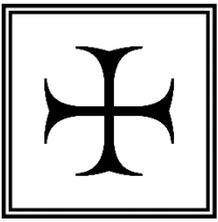
Deb Selland - organist

Jerry Seeklander - elder

Scott Overson, Don Martin, LeRoy Humann, Kaden Overson - ushers

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE SERVICE

PRESERVICE MUSIC & PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People | 556

Please stand.

These opening words remind us of our baptism and tell us who has gathered us together.

GATHERING

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8 **L** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9 **C** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

God's declaration comes from heaven to us based on Christ's death and resurrection. We are released from guilt and pardoned from sin for his sake.

ABSOLUTION

L Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” It is an expression of faith used in worship since the time of the New Testament Church.

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of God’s Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est and



peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Christians love to praise God. He has saved us from sin, death, and hell. We join the song of the angels on Christmas night (Luke 2:13-14), which have been set to different tunes and styles dating back to the 4th century.

- L** *Refrain*
- C** **Refrain**
- L** *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*
- C** **Refrain**
- L** *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: Receive our prayer, receive our prayer.*
- C** **Refrain**
- L** *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.*
- C** **Refrain**



This version of the Gloria was written by Rev. Michael Schultz, who is currently serving as the project director for the WELS New Hymnal Project.



THE WORD

The Salutation has deep roots in Christian worship and begins the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

L The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 7:8-13

Moses follows God's instructions, but God's power and message were offensive to Pharaoh.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: ¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.



L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

Psalms have been used in worship by God's people since the Old Testament.

- L** In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- C** **For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.**
- L** Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
- C** **For my enemies speak against me. They say, "God has forsaken him."**
- L** Do not be far from me, my God; come quickly, God, to help me.
- C** **My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, though I know not how to relate them all.**
- L** Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again;
- C** **from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up.**
- L** My tongue will tell of your righteous acts all day long,
- C** **for those who wanted to harm me have been put to shame and confusion.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

The faith of Moses is an example of how we have a different way of life than what is often acceptable in this world.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- C** (sings) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is an ancient part of the liturgy that prepares God's people for the Word in flesh, Jesus Christ, who meets us with his words and works in the Gospel.

*The Bread of Life
is food that
many do not
want to
stomach, but for
those who eat it
there is eternal
life.*

GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

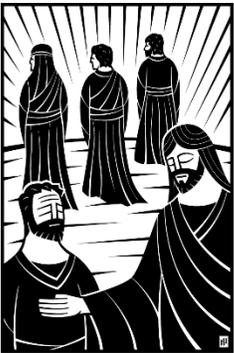
⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”



L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Have Come | 546

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin “credo,” which means “I believe.” The faith God gave us publically and regularly confesses the triune God as Lord and Savior.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

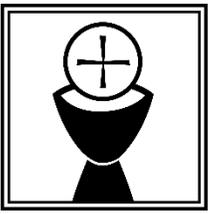
THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour’s Lutheran join together to do the Lord’s work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Please help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the **Friendship Register** located at the end of the pew.

As the offering is brought to the altar, please stand.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life to feed our faith and give us everlasting life in heaven. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Recorded for us in Isaiah 6:4, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty," in the presence of the Triune God. The Church sings the same song in preparation for His Supper, faithfully confessing the Lord's true presence in the Sacrament.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks

that your eternal Son, Jesus, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Like Jesus prayed before he broke the bread and gave the cup as he instituted his Holy Supper, Pastor offers a prayer of thanksgiving for this gift of God's grace.

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

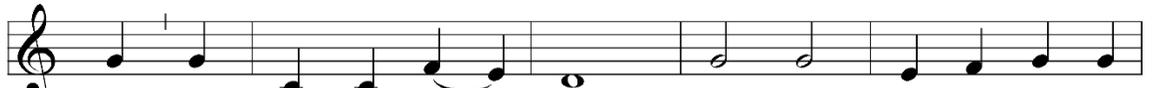


LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

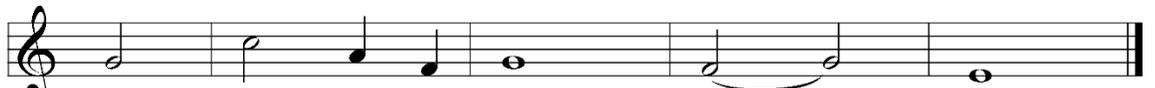
John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29


C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the


world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you


take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.


O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the


world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT



God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to trust God's Holy Word. Therefore, we ask that only current members (WELS/ ELS) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

- ✓ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

During the distribution the congregation is invited to sing the following hymn:

HYMN *Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose* | 466

HYMN *In Christ Alone* | 752

Printed on next page.

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

After the distribution please stand.

Psalm 118:1

L

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C

His mercy endures forever.

1 Corinthians
11:26

L

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

This is the blessing God has bestowed on his people since the time of Moses (for over 3,500 years).

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C

(spoken) **Amen.**



SERMON NOTES

Feel free to jot some notes from the sermon for personal or family use.

THIS WEEK

Today – **Worship @ 9am with Lord's Supper**
Bible Hour @ 10:15am
Sunday – **Worship @ 9am**
Bible Hour @ 10:15am

SERMONS

Copies of Pastor's sermons are available in the entryway and the service videos are accessible at our Facebook page.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES



Sometimes the impression is given that questioning the church, religion, or the Bible isn't allowed. But if Jesus didn't allow questions, that would mean he wasn't much of a teacher. During his ministry he demonstrated patience and willingness to answer all kinds of questions, both from his followers and from his opponents. As we get set for the new school year to begin this new series will give us a chance to contemplate some of life's most difficult, burning questions and see the Savior's mastery of every topic.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

September 9 marks the beginning of another year of Sunday school. Sign up to bring a dish to pass for the potluck. If you have kids from Kindergarten to 8th grade, please make sure to register them on our website.

CATECHISM ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 29 at Our Saviour's @ 7pm

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in helping our congregation organize events can talk to Pastor for more information. The objective would be to schedule a gathering or fun outing at least every other month.

A/V HELPERS

Now that our camera is back and we are running the livestream on Facebook, we could use a few more people to help out with recording the service. It's not too hard to learn and it would help out as we serve those cannot make it on Sundays or want to watch the service at a later time. Please talk to Pastor if interested.

LITTLE TREASURES PLAYGROUP



We will be taking a break during the month of August. Don't worry! We will start back up again in September with more of these free, fun, and faith-filled playdates. See you on September 13!

LADIES' MEETING

Mark Sunday, September 16 on your calendar ladies for the next opportunity to discuss what the ladies will be doing to serve Our Saviour's.