



## Saron Lutheran Church

1656 Main St | Mail: PO Box 964 | Strasburg CO 80136

303-622-4303 | saronstrasburg@outlook.com | www.saronstrasburg.org

Pastor Julie Brooks



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 2020 | 8:30 a.m.

*While we cannot gather in person, we can dedicate this time and space together to pray, hear the Word of God and receive the gift of God's Presence. Today, we will be sharing the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion at your individual location. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a little wine or juice with you. Later in the service, the pastor will be giving thanks and saying the ancient words of Christ's promise to show up in these simple things. You will be invited to partake of them at that time.*

*Please check our website for regular updates during this time of dispersed worship. Offerings may be given online through "Tithe-ly" as linked on the website or by sending a check to our P.O. Box above. Thank you for your support of Saron and your community!*

### Welcome / Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the

name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

## First Reading | Isaiah 45:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved  
by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in  
word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you  
know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became  
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy  
inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in  
Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in  
Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we  
have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind  
of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living  
and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—  
Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel | Matthew 22:15–22

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to  
pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you  
putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they  
brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”  
<sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor  
the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they  
heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day | ELW 781: Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-725858.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### Offering Prayer

*Our response to all that God has given us is a yearning to give. You are invited to collect an ongoing “noisy offering” for Cares Food Bank or make a contribution to your local food bank. Thank you also for your offerings that support the ministry of Saron Lutheran Church!*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer/Words of Institution

#### The 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.**

### Holy Communion

*Hear these words and partake of the bread/cracker and wine/juice: (If you are worshiping at home, you may repeat these words and give them each to another member of your household as well.)*

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

## Hymn | ELW 793: Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional



## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

---

## Saron Lutheran Church – celebrating 108 years!

**Mission Statement:** *Saron Lutheran welcomes all in the name of Christ:  
to know Christ's love | to grow in Christ's love | to go in Christ's love*