

The Lutheran Church of the Savior
A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Order of Worship

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Song

Christ Above Me

Chisum, Searcy

Chorus, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus

Christ ab-ove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me,
ev - er guid - ing; Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore,
Christ my love, my life, my Lord.

1. Bread of life from Heav - en,
2. Mer - cy ev - er - last - ing,
Lov - er of my soul; Peace of God, so
ten - der-ness di - vine; Word of God so

ev - er pres - ent, I sur-ren-der my con - trol to
ev - er heal - ing I sur-ren-der heart and mind to

D.C. al Fine

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a repeat sign and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several repeat signs and first/second endings throughout the piece. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C. al Fine'.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 80:7–15

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁸**You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**10The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

**11It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.**

**12Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

**13The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.**

**14Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,**

**15the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**

**Glory be 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.**

Kyrie

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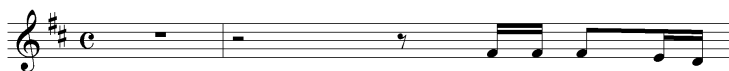
**☐ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Song of Praise

Our God Saves

Baloche, Brown

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Instrumental, Verse 2B, Chorus 2



In the Name of the

3 VERSE

Fa - ther, in the Name of the Son, in the Name of the

5

Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to -

7
 geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our
 9
 Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace.
 11
 In the Name of the -
 13
 grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our
 15
 of - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your
 17
 peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed
 19
 on Your wings, and the world will see that
 21
 CHORUS
 Our God saves, our God saves;
 25
 There is hope in Your Name. In the Name of the
 30
 Name; Mourn - ing turns to songs of praise;
 35
 Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the
 41
 CODA
 Our God saves; Our God saves; Our God saves. Our God saves.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Song

How Deep the Father's Love

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
(2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
(3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
out a - mong the scof - - - ers. It
death and res - ur - rec - - - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The un -
 should my sin that held Him there I
 gain from His re - ward?
 I
 Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But
 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His
 man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.I
 wounds havepaid my ran - - - som.

Sermon

The Last Word

Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear us, O Lord, and give answer to the prayers of Your people prayed in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together,
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.**

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Song

Rock of Ages

Baloche, Brown, Mote

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus, Chorus



1. On Christ, the sol - id___ Rock,___ I___ stand;
2. When dark - ness seems___ to___ hide___ Your face,



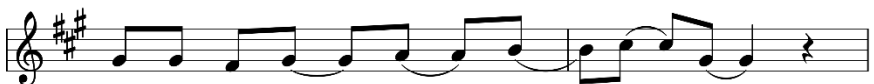
All oth - er ground___ is___ sink - ing___ sand;_
I rest on Your___ un - chang - ing___ grace;



Great is Your faith - ful - ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God;___
Great is Your faith - ful - ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God;___



My hope is built___ on___ noth - ing___ less___
In ev - 'ry high___ and___ storm - y___ gale,



than Je - sus' blood___ and___ right - eous - ness;_
my an - chor holds___ with - in___ the___ veil;_

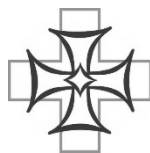


Great is Your faith - ful - ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God. ___
Great is Your faith - ful - ness, great___ is Your love, O___ God. ___



Rock of ___ a - ges,___ You will stand,___ our foun - da -

- tion_ 'til the_ end;_ Nev-er_ fail - ing,.
 God un - chang - ing, Rock of_a - ges, You will stand...
 1. Rock of_a -
 ges, You will_ stand, our foun-da - tion.
 'til the_ end; Nev-er_ fail - ing, God un - chang -
 - ing, Rock of_a - ges, You will stand. Rock of_a -
 ges, You will_ stand, our foun-da - tion.
 'til the_ end; Nev-er_ fail - ing,.
 God un - chang - ing, Rock of_a - ges,.
 You will_ stand.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 October 2020

Readings

Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted *"on a very fertile hill"* (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with *"choice vines,"* but also building the *"watchtower"* of His prophets and hewing out the *"wine vat"* of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when *"he looked for it to yield grapes,"* there were only *"wild grapes"* of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth *"the fruits in their seasons"* (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he *"suffered the loss of all things"* in order to *"gain Christ and be found in him,"* to *"know him and the power of his resurrection"* (Phil. 3:8–10).



Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).

