

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



**Order of Worship**

*November 15, 2020 9:45 AM*

# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Song

*Here I Am To Worship*

Hughes

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



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,  
2. King of all days, O so high - ly ex - alt - ed,



o - pened my eyes, let me see  
Glor - ious in Heav - en a - bove;



beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,  
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,



hope of a life spent with You.  
all for love's sake be - came poor.



Here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down; Here I am to



say that You're my God; You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 90:1–12*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.

**<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**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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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

## Beautiful Savior

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Chorus

1. All my days I will sing this song of  
2. I will trust in the cross of my Re -  
3. long to be where the praise is ne - ver

4  
glad - ness, give my praise to the  
deem - er; I will sing of the  
end - ing; Yearn to dwell where the

7  
Foun - tain of de - lights; for in my  
blood that nev - er fails, for of sins for -  
glo - ry nev - er fades, where count - less

10  
help - less - ness You heard my cry, and  
giv - en, of con - science, cleansed, of  
wor - ship - ers will share one song, And

13  
waves of mer - cy poured down on my life,  
death de - feat - ed and life with - out end,  
cries of worth - y will hon - or the Lamb!

16  
1 2 CHORUS  
Beau - ti - ful Sa - viour,

19  
Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, clothed in

22  
maj - es - ty, Lord of his - to - ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the

25 Life. Star of the Morn - ing, glo - rious in

28 ho - li - ness, You're the Ris - en One, heav - en's

31 Cham - pi - on, and You reign, You reign o - ver

34 all! (Fine) (3. 1)

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'

<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little;



I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’<sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,<sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.’<sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.<sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.<sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

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**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 † everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Song

Your Name

Baloche, Packiam

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

(3)

1.As morn - ing dawns and eve - ning fades,  
2.Je - sus, in Your Name we pray,

5  
You in - spire (re) songs of praise that rise from earth to touch  
come and fill our hearts to - day; Lord, give us strength to live

8  
Your heart and glo - ri - fy Your Name. Your Name  
for You and glo - ri - fy Your Name.

11  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a strong and might - y tow - er; Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ is a

14  
shel - ter like no oth - er; Your Name, \_\_\_\_\_ let the

16  
na - tions sing it loud - er 'cause noth - ing has the pow - er to save

18  
\_\_\_\_\_ but Your Name. \_\_\_\_\_

1 (Intro) (3) 2 (4)

23  
Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ is a strong and might - y tow - er; Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

26  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a shel - ter like no oth - er; Your Name, \_\_\_\_\_ let the

29  
na - tions sing it loud - er 'cause noth - ing has the pow - er to save

31 \_\_\_\_\_ but Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ is a

33 strong and might - y tow - er; Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ is a

35 shel - ter like \_\_\_\_\_ no oth - er; Your Name, \_\_\_\_\_ let the

37 na - tions sing \_\_\_\_\_ it loud - er 'cause noth - ing has the pow - er to save \_\_\_\_\_

39 \_\_\_\_\_ but Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ but Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Sermon**

**Enter Into the Joy**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

**Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer**

**P** Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.

*Response after each petition*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through 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 *Mighty To Save* Fielding, Morgan

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus*

1. Ev - 'ry-one needs com - pas - sion, love that's ne - ver fail -  
 2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail -  
 ing. ures. Let mer - cy fall on me.  
 Fill my life a - gain.  
 Ev - 'ry-one needs for - give - ness, the kind - ness of a Sav -  
 I give my life to fall - ow ev - 'ry thing I be - lieve  
 iour, the hope of na - tions.  
 in. Now I sur - ren - der.

**CHORUS**

Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is  
 mighty - y to save, He is might - y to save. For -

ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion, He rose and  
 con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.

(4) con - quered the grave.

**BRIDGE**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see. We're sing - ing  
 for the glo - ry of the ri - sen King Je - sus. King.

**CHORUS**

Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is  
 mighty - y to save, He is might - y to save. For -

ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion, He rose and  
 con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.

con - quered the grave.

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## Resources for Meditation this Week

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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#### Readings

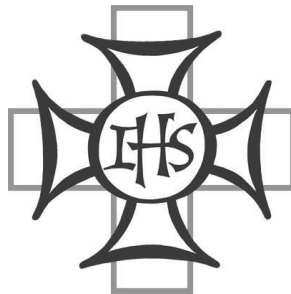
Zephaniah 1:7–16

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Matthew 25:14–30

#### ***God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others***

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).



**Readings**

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Matthew 25:31–46

***By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father***

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *“he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”* (Matt. 25:32). *“To those on his right,”* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *“those on his left,”* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *“into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *“as a shepherd seeks out his flock”* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *“the fat and the strong,”* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *“the lean sheep”* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *“in Christ shall all be made alive”* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

