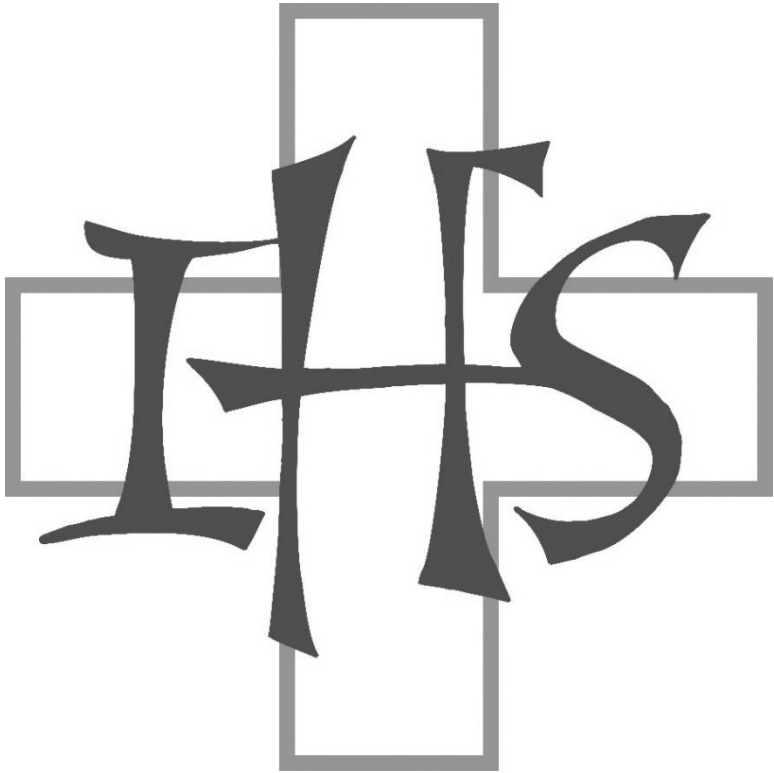


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

Order of Worship

October 17, 2021 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 34:1-4, 17

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Invocation

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Psalm 118:24

P Confident of the Lord's presence with us here in His house, we make our beginning in His powerful name; in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

P Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.

C **We have not always lived our lives according to your will.**

P We have often failed to live up to your expectations.

C **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

P But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,

C **you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.**

Silence for confession and reflection

P Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...

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 Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished! The victory is won! 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.

Song How Great Is Our God *Tomlin, Cash, Reeves*

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

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and common time (C). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a measure containing a fermata and the number (3) above it, followed by a double bar line and the word 'VERSE' above the staff. The lyrics for the first staff are 'The splen - dor of _____ a king, _____'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'clothed in maj - - es - ty, _____ let all the earth re - joi - ce, _____'. The third staff has lyrics 'all the earth re - joi - ce. _____ He wraps _____ Him - self _____ in light _____'. The fourth staff has lyrics 'and dark - ness tries _____ to hide _____ and trem - bles at _____ His voice, _____'. The fifth staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the word 'CHORUS' above the staff. The lyrics are 'trem - bles at _____ His voice. _____ How great _____ is our God, _____'. The sixth staff has lyrics 'sing with me _____ how great _____ is our God _____ and all _____ will see how _____'. The seventh staff begins with the text '2nd time to Coda' above the staff, followed by a Coda symbol. The lyrics are 'great, _____ how great _____ is our God. _____'. The score ends with a double bar line.

23 **VERSE 2**

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands,

26 Be-gin-ning and the End, Be-gin-ning and the End,

28 The God - head, Three in One,

31 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, The Li - on and the Lamb,

33 Li - on and the Lamb, How great

36 How great is our God, sing with me how

39 great is our God and all will see how

41 great how great is our God. *Repeat 3 times*

D.S. al Coda *Coda*



Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm

Psalm 119:9–16

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

**¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

**¹²Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

¹³With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.

**¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

**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.**

Prayer



Song of Praise**Speak, O Lord***Getty, Townend*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Old Testament Reading*Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–16

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now

in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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

Christ Above Me

Searcy, Chisum

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

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

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Sermon

"Hold Fast Our Confession"

Hebrews 4:9-16



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

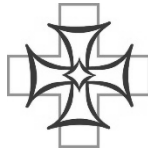
- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of 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.**

Blessing

- 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**You Never Let Go***Redman, Redman**Verse 1, Chorus 1, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Chorus 1, Bridge x2, Chorus 1 x2, Tag*

1. E - ven though I



walk through the val-ley of the shad-ow of death Your
 (2.) light that is com-ing for a heart that holds on; a



per-fect love is cast-ing out fear. And e - ven when I'm
 glo-rious light be - yond all com-pare. And there will be an



caught in the mid-dle of the storms of this life, I
 end to these trou-bles, but un - til that day comes we'll



won't turn back I know you are near. And I will fear no e -
 live to know You here on the earth.



vil, for my God is with me. And if my God is with



me whom then shall I fear, whom then shall I fear?



Oh, no, You nev-er let go through the calm and through the storm.

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Oh, no, Younev-er let go, ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low.



Oh, no, Younev-er let go, Lord, Younev-er let go of me



2. And I can see the Lord, Younev-er let go of me. You



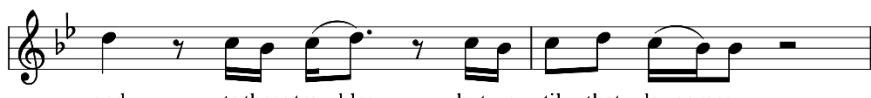
keep on lov-ing and Younev-er let go. Sing-ing



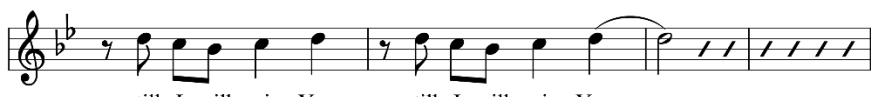
Lord, Younev-er let go of me. Yes, I can see a



light that is com-ing for the heart that holds on. And there will be an



end to these trou-bles, but un - til that day comes



still I will praise You, still I will praise You,

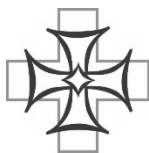


Oh, no, Younev-er let go through the calm and through the storm.

Oh, no, Younev-er let go, ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low.

Oh, no, Younev-er let go Lord, Younev-er let go of me.

Lord, Younev-er let go of me.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

17 October 2021

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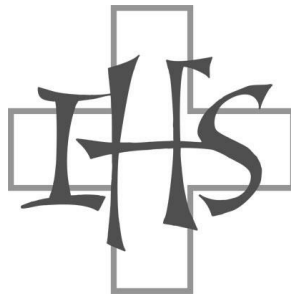
Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)

Mark 10:23–31

By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “occupied with joy in his heart” and is able to sleep in peace, “whether he eats little or much,” because he knows that the “days of his life” are “the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “all things are possible with God” (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “the eye of a needle,” through death and the grave, “to enter the kingdom of God” on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).



Readings

Jeremiah 31:7–9

Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

The Lord Jesus Christ Opens Our Eyes to God and Brings Us into His Presence

As He did for blind Bartimaeus, so does the Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon you. With His Word of the Gospel, *“he is calling you”* to Himself, to *“take heart,”* to rise up and live by faith in His forgiveness. He opens your heart and mind to see and know God rightly in Him and to follow Him *“on the way”* of the cross and into life everlasting (Mark 10:49–52). *“He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him,”* because He is the great High Priest, who offered Himself *“once for all”* as a sacrifice for sins. Since He is risen from the dead and *“exalted above the heavens,”* He *“holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever,”* and *“he always lives to make intercession”* for His people (Heb. 7:24–27). Along with that, He gathers the children of God to Himself by the proclamation of His Gospel, even *“from the farthest parts of the earth.”* In mercy He calls them, by the waters of Holy Baptism, *“in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,”* unto life everlasting (Jer. 31:8–9).

