

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



One Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

Order of Worship

February 13, 2022 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 119:7, 1-2, 4-5

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.
Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

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.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service, Setting One

Confirmation Worship – February 13, 2022

As We Gather

Today is Confirmation Sunday. What an exciting day for the Lutheran Church of the Savior church family, for Helen, and for her family and friends. Over the past years, Helen has grown in the faith through time spent examining the Word of God and the doctrines of the Christian faith in her home, in Sunday School classes, and in confirmation instruction. Today she will stand before God and before you, publicly confirming the gift of faith that began in her at her baptism.

Helen Canciello, daughter of Sal and Virginia Canciello

Baptismal Date: June 29, 2008

Confirmation Verse: *“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”*

Psalms 119:105

Welcome Greeting

P This is the day the Lord has made!

G Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Processional Hymn – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

– We follow the processional cross as it approaches the altar of the Lord



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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Invocation

☐ All the baptized have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on them through the water and the word, where they were made children of God, claimed as His own through the words that call us together in remembrance of our baptism again this day. We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☐ **Amen.**

- P** With these words we do indeed recall our Baptism.
- C** **In Baptism, the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – marks us and claims us as one of His beloved children.**

- P** What is Baptism?
- C** **It is the water included in God’s command, and combined with God’s Word, that works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation, to all who believe this.**

Confession and Absolution

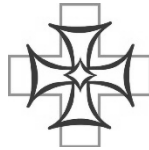
- P** As we come to rejoice in God’s presence and to receive His gifts of forgiveness and eternal life, we acknowledge the sin that weighs us down.
- C** **To do so, we make confession of our sins.**
- P** What is confession?
- C** **First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness.**
- P** What sins should we confess?
- C** **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins; those that are known to us, and those that are known to God alone.**
- P** We consider then, our place in life in light of the Ten Commandments, God’s expectations for us, and make confession of our sins.

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

Kyrie

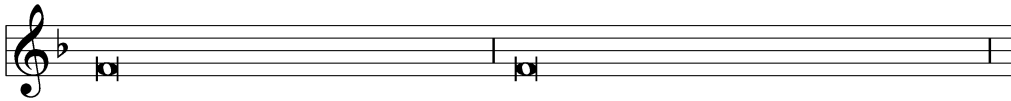
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.



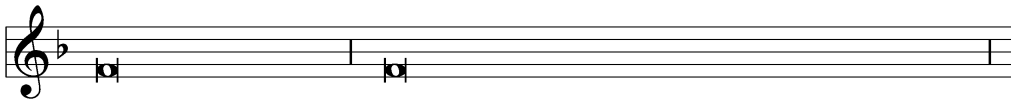
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



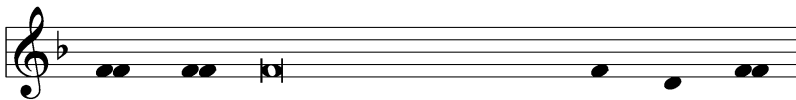
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



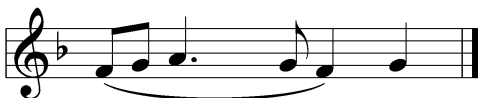
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



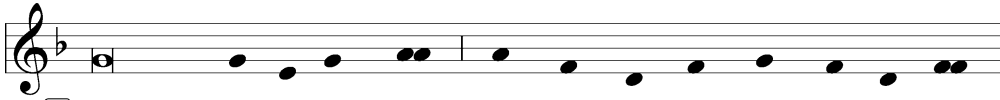
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Profession of Faith

Miss Helen Canciello

Choir

Thy Word

Grant, Smith

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

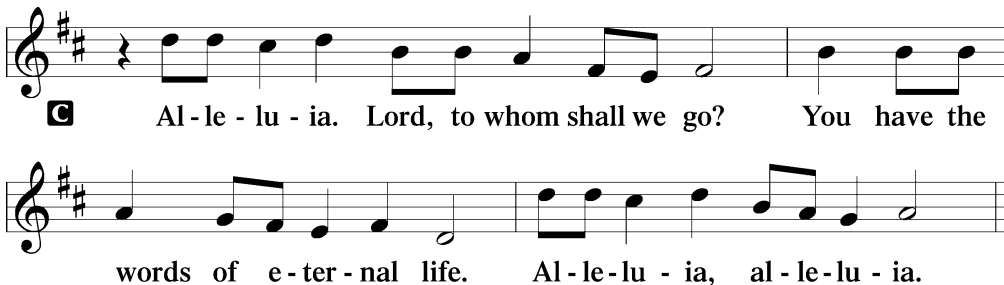
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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“One Resurrection”
1 Corinthians 15:1–20



Prayer of the Church

- P** Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.
- C** **We pray to the one true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- P** Those who believe in Jesus Christ pray to God with the confidence that their prayer will be heard and answered according to His will and in His ways.
- C** **We pray for things that bring glory to God, and for the physical and spiritual welfare of ourselves, and of our neighbor. We thank and praise God for who he is and what he has done.**
- P** Father of all grace, Creator of all that is, you have made each of us special. Affirm the gifts of us who this day profess our faith in you. May we all see the special place you have for us in this world, and may our trust in you prepare and strengthen us to live out your will as we grow in maturity of body and spirit.
- C** **Fill us with wisdom and knowledge. Help us to use the gifts you have given us when you created us to do Your work and Your will in the world.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the source of our salvation, our Redeemer from sin and death, the center of our life and hope. Grant to Helen, and all who declare their faith in you today, to continually look to you for hope, joy, pardon, and peace.
- C** **You are the object of our faith. Help us look to you, as you come in Word and Sacrament, that we may receive forgiveness, eternal life, and strength for daily living.**

- P** O Holy Spirit, You create faith in the lives of all believers. Continue to give to those who proclaim their faith this day your power and strength that we may hold steadfast to the faith.
- C** **Keep our commitment strong, that whatever we face in this life, even death, we may cling to you in faith.**

Special Intercessions – 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; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

A Litany for Confirmation

- P** God loves us!
C **Indeed He does! We are called children of God!**
- P** What have we done to deserve this?
C **Nothing! He loves all people unconditionally.**
- P** When we were baptized, the church celebrated the love of God for us, and we became members of the family of God.
C **No matter our age, we were “infants” in the Christian faith.**
- P** How do we grow spiritually?
C **The Spirit of God works in us through His means of Grace – the Word and Sacraments. In this way, He preserves and nourishes us as His children.**
- P** God has provided his Spirit to strengthen us all. Through baptism and His word, God’s loving power has certainly been at work in the life of Helen. Therefore, I ask you Helen, are you ready to affirm the meaning of your baptism and confirm your commitment to Christ?
R *Yes, I am ready to affirm the meaning of my baptism, and confirm that Jesus is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” for me.*

The Rite of Confirmation

Address to Helen

Proclamation and Confession of Faith

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

(All please join Helen, as we confess our faith together.)

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

Litany of Intention and Commitment

A Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

A Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

A Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

A Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

A Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

A What promise do you make to Christ and His Church?

R *I accept the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I make this commitment only in the confidence that God has promised me His strength and wisdom, and the fellowship and encouragement of His people.*

A Do you believe that Jesus has done everything necessary to rescue you from hell and to deliver you safely into eternity with Him?

R *Yes, I believe that by His perfect life, and through His innocent suffering and death, Jesus paid for all my sins, rescuing me from sin, death, and hell.*

A In the strength of the Lord, will you join your fellow church family members, as together we strive to be, a *Community of Faith – Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*? Will you seek to discover and develop the gifts and talents God has given you and use them in His service and to His glory?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

- P** I ask you, Helen's church family, what is your commitment?
- C** **We also stand by your side as fellow workers in God's kingdom, and we pledge to you our encouragement and support.**

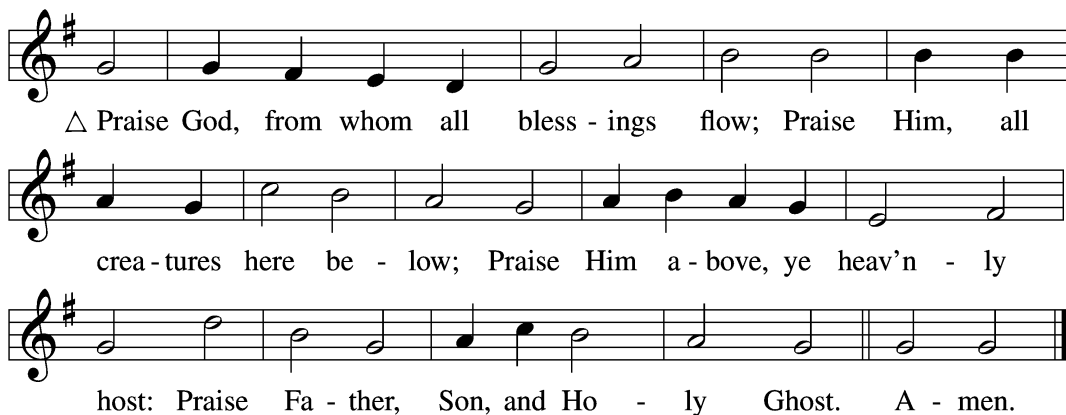
Reading of Verse and Blessing of Helen

Welcome of Helen

Prayer for Helen

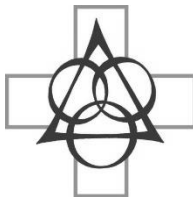
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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△ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

13 February 2022

Readings

Jeremiah 17:5–8

1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20

Luke 6:17–26

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he *"shall mourn and weep"* in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But *"the man who trusts in the LORD"* is blessed with all that he needs, *"like a tree planted by water."* When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians *"rejoice"* and *"leap for joy"* (Luke 6:21–23). *"If Christ has not been raised,"* our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as *"Christ died for our sins,"* so has He also *"been raised from the dead"* (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

20 February 2022

Readings

Genesis 45:3–15

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

Luke 6:27–38

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, *“do not go on sinning”* (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as *“sons of the Most High,”* and *“be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”* (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also *“love your enemies, do good”* (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but *“to preserve life.”* So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with *“you and your children and your children’s children”* (Gen. 45:5–10).

