

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



Life in Christ

One Hope

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 37: 7a, b, 1-5

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.
Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

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.

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

P This is the day the Lord has made;

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

Psalm 118:24

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

C **We have seen His star and have come to worship Him!**

Matthew 2:2

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

C **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

Isaiah 60:1

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C **Amen.**

Opening Song

Rend The Heavens

Mark

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

VERSE



1. This day we call up-on the liv-ing Lord and
seek Your mer-cy and Your grace;
How we, as a na-tion, have turned our face a-way from You
and fol-lowed oth-er ways; May we see You as You are,
man-i-fest-ed, glo-ri-ous power, Lord Je-sus.

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13 **CHORUS**
Rend the Heav - ens and come down in Your maj - es - ty come

15
down, in Your mer - cy, Lord, come down up - on us;

17
Clothe Your-self in robes of grace; You are wel - come in this

19
place where the saints are gath - ered for Your wor - ship, Lord.

23 **VERSE**
2. Not for our gain, but for the glo - ry of Your

25
Name we gath - er 'round Your throne;

27
And in hum - ble a - do - ra - tion plead for this gen - er - a - tion,

29
Je - sus, let Your name be known;

31
May they see You as You are,

33
man - i - fest - ed glo - ri - ous power, Lord Je - sus. **(TO CHORUS)**



Prayer of Confession

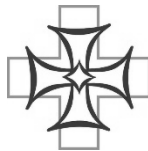
- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

- 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!**



Song of Praise

My Hope

Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2

4

1.Noth-ing will change if

5
all the plans I make go wrong; Your love stays the same; Your

8
light will guide me through it all; I'm hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;

11
— 2.Noth-ing can reach the
3.You are my Rock when

14
end of all Your faith-ful-ness; Your grace is with me through
storms are rag-ing all a-round; You shel-ter me, God; I'm

16
ev-'ry sha-dow, ev-'ry test; I'm
safe with You on sol-id ground; I'm

17
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—

21
I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but

23
I know You're al-ways good.— My hope is built on

26
noth-ing less than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness

29
I will not walk an-oth-er way; I trust Your heart, I

32
trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,— I'm hold-ing on— to You.

Chorus

30

1. 4

2. Chorus

My hope is built on noth-ing less

43

than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an-

46

oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold - ing on, —

50

I'm hold - ing on — to You. —

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶**The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**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



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27–38

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

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

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also,

and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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

I Have A Hope

Walker

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Bridge x4, Chorus x2

The image shows a musical score for the song "I Have A Hope" by Walker. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the musical notes. The score is divided into sections: Verse 1 (measures 1-18), Chorus (measures 19-26), Verse 2 (measures 27-32), and Verse 3 (measures 33-36). The lyrics are as follows:

1. I have a hope. I have a fu - ture. I have a
 de - stin - y that is yet a - wait - ing me. My life's not
 ov - er. A new be - ginn - ing's just be - gun. I have a
 hope I have this hope. 2. God has a plan. It's not to
 harm me but it's to pro - sper me and to
 hear me when I call. He in - ter - cedes for me, work - ing
 all things for my good. Though trials may come, I have this
CHORUS
 hope. I will yet praise Him, my great Re -
 deem - er. I will yet stand up and give Him
 glo - ry with my life. He takes my dark - ness and He
 turns it in - to light I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God.

VERSE
 3. My God is for me. He's not a - gainst me so tell me
 whom then, tell me whom then shall I fear? He has pre -
 pared for me great works He'll help me to com - plete I have a

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34
 37 hope I have this hope. 4. Good - ness and mer - cy they're gon-na
 39 fol - low me and I'll for - ev - er dwell in the
 41 house of my great King. No eye has ev - er seen all He's pre -
 43 par - ing there for me. Though trials may come, I have this
CHORUS
 46 hope. I will yet praise Him, my great Re - deem - er. I will yet
 48 stand up and give Him glo - ry with my life. He takes my
 50 dark - ness and He turns it in - to light I will yet
BRIDGE
 54 praise Him, my Lord, my God. There's still hope for
 4th time back to chorus
 me to - day 'cause the God of Hea - ven loves me.

Sermon

Life in Christ

Week 5 of 5

"One Hope"

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet believed it would come to good. Give us such tested faith, and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world.

Response after each petition

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

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You will bring all things to completion according to Your order and time. When Christ comes and all the dead are raised, number us, we pray, among the saints in glory, clothing the perishable with the imperishable and bringing us into eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves

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

1. He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that
 2. bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine

we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
 Bro - ken and poured out all for love. The

hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross.
 whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn.

Love so a - maz - ing, love so a - maz - ing.

CHORUS

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah; Name a - bove all names;
 Bless - ed Re - deem - er; Em - man - u - el.
 The Res - cue for sin - ners, the Ran - som from heav -
 en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

BRIDGE

2. His All our hope is in You,
 all our hope is in You; all the glo -

33
ry to You, God, the Light of the

36
world. Je - sus, Mes - si - *D.S. al Coda*

38
⊕ CODA
Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

42
The Lord of all!

44
The Lord of all.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

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).



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

27 February 2022

Readings

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Hebrews 3:1–6

Luke 9:28–36

The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus *“has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses”* (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His *“departure”* (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, *“Listen to him!”* (Luke 9:35).

