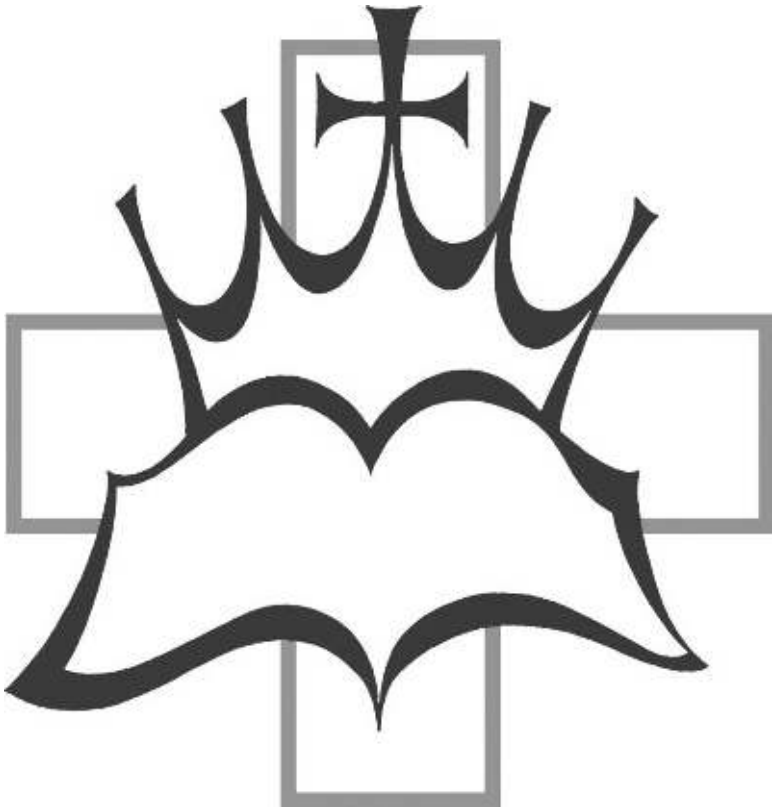


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

*July 24, 2022 9:00 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 50:15; Psalm 119:145–149*

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

## 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 Pentecost

Welcome

## 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

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

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9 CHORUS

Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down; Here I am to  
 12 say that You're my— God;— You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er  
 15 wor-thy, al-to-geth-er won-der-ful— to me.—

## 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 138*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

**<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**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.**

**Song****Firm Foundation**

Gordon, Harvill

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

**CHORUS**

F Bb Gaus F

Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, I know I can stand

— se - cure: Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion,

I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word,

I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word, *Fine*

**VERSE MEN in unison**  
F C/F F**WOMEN in unison**  
F C/F F

1. I have a liv - ing hope,  
2. Your Word is faith - ful,

1. I have a liv - ing hope,  
2. Your Word is faith - ful,

I have a fu - ture;  
might - y in pow - er;

God has a plan for me,  
God will de - liv - er me,

God has a plan for me, of  
God will de - liv - er me, of

*D.C. al Fine*

of this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_  
of this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_

this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_  
this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer



## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 18:20–33*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

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

## Epistle

*Colossians 2:1–23*

<sup>1</sup>For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of



wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup>If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— <sup>21</sup>“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” <sup>22</sup>(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup>These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

**G** **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

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Verse 4, Chorus x2, Ending

#### VERSE 1



1. Ho-ly— words long pre - served for our walk in this world;



They re-sound— with God's own heart, O, let the

*continued on next page*

§ VERSES 2, 3 & 4

an-cient words im - part; 2. Words of life, words of  
(3.) words of our  
(4.) blood stains each

hope, give us strength, help us cope;  
faith hand - ed down to this age,  
page, they have died for this faith;

In this world wher - e'er we  
came to us through sac - ri -  
Hear them cry through the

roam, an - cient words will guide us home.  
fice: O, heed the faith - ful words of Christ.  
years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

CHORUS

An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing

you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the

an-cient words im - part. 3. Ho - ly part. An-cient

CHORUS

words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; We have

2nd time to Coda

come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

INSTRUMENTAL D.S. al Coda

4. Mar - tyr's\_

part. We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the

an - cient words im - part.

O let the an - cient words im - part.

**Sermon**

A Life Worth Living

Week 2 of 3

“Heretics in God’s House”

*Colossians 2:1–23*

## The Letter to the Colossians: “A Life Worth Living”

### Heretics Teach...

R \_\_\_\_\_ not a R \_\_\_\_\_

R \_\_\_\_\_ not a R \_\_\_\_\_

R \_\_\_\_\_ not a R \_\_\_\_\_

## 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** Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; 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.**

- 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.**

## 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

## In Christ Alone

Townend, Getty

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is  
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in

found, He is my light, my strength, — my  
 flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - - - less  
 lay, Light of the world by dark - - - ness  
 death, This is the pow'r of Christ — in

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al

Ground, firm through the fier - est drought — and  
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came — to  
 Day Up from the grave He rose — a -  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - - - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus  
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 died, The wrath of God was sat - is -  
 ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

ceasel My Com - for - ter, my All in  
 fied For - ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 me, For I am His and He is  
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ — I stand.  
 laid; Here in the death of Christ — I live.  
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll stand!

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## Resources for Meditation this Week

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24 July 2022

#### Readings

Genesis 18:(17–19) 20–33

Colossians 2:6–15 (16–19)

Luke 11:1–13

#### ***The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith***

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”* (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, *“how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him”* (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would *“surely become a great and mighty nation”* (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold *“fast to the Head”* (Col. 2:19), *“rooted and built up in him and established in the faith”* (Col. 2:6–7).



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31 July 2022

### Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Colossians 3:1–11

Luke 12:13–21

### ***Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God***

To live for earthly things *“is vanity and a striving after wind,”* and work that is driven by such vanity *“is an unhappy business”* (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for *“all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow”* (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your *“covetousness, which is idolatry”* (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For *“one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). But *“Christ who is your life”* (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be *“rich toward God”* in Him (Luke 12:21).

