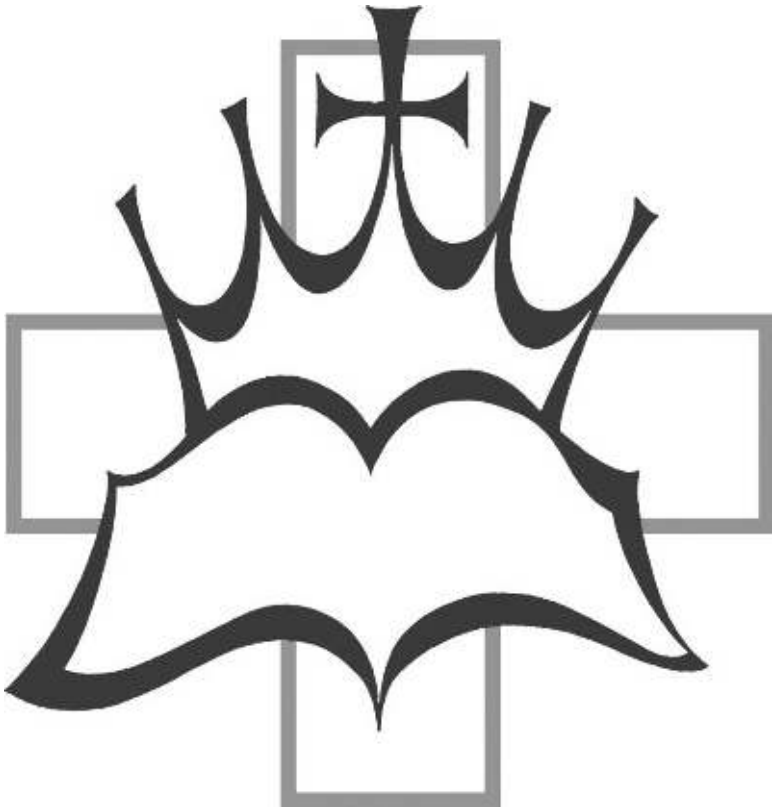


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Order of Worship

August 7, 2022 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 147:7-11

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.



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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Divine Service

Invocation

L This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

L 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.

Opening Song

Faithful To Lead Us On

Baloche, Kerr

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

CHORUS

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with the word 'CHORUS' and includes the following chords: A/E, Bm/E, A, A/D, D, E, A, E, Bm/E. The lyrics for this staff are 'You are faith - ful... to lead us on,.... more than'. The second staff includes the following chords: A, A/D, D, E, E/D. The lyrics are 'a - ble... to keep us strong;... Walk - ing... be - fore us.. You'. The third staff includes the following chords: A/C#, D, 1.3 Bm7, F.sus, E, A, A/L, Bm/E. The lyrics are 'light our way, faith - ful... to lead us on,.... You are'. The fourth staff includes the following chords: 2.4 Dm7, Lsus, L, A. The lyrics are 'faith - ful... to lead us on...'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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VERSE

F D A D/A A D

1. You've brought us out of the wil-der-ness,
 2. Called out of dark-ness in-to your light,

F D A?

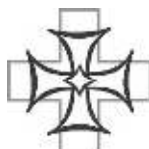
guid-ing us home by Your hand;
 cho-sen to lift up Your name,

G D/F# A B:D#

Now You're pre-par-ing a place for us, we'll go, we'll
 We'll see Your king-dom es-tab-lished here, come rule, come

Esus A/E Bm/E 5. 6m7 F#sus E A Fine

stand. You are faith-ful to lead us on.



Prayer of Confession

- L** 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.**
- L** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
- L** 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

- L** 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.**
- L** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished! The victory is won! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 33:12–22

Spoken responsively

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;**

¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵**he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹**that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

²¹**For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

**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 of Praise

Today Is the Day

Baloche, Brewster

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

The musical score is written on five staves of a grand staff (treble clef, key signature of one flat, 4/4 time). It includes a key signature change from B-flat to A-flat in the second staff. The lyrics are: I'm cast - ing my cares a - side. I'm leav - ing my past be - hind. I'm set - ting my heart and mind on You. Je - sus. I'm ranch - ing my hands to Yours. In - liv - ing there's so much more, know ing that all You have in store.

for me is good, is good, to day is the day.

CHORUS
You have made, I will re-join and be glad in it.

to day is the day, You have made, I will re-join.

and be glad in it, I won't wor-ry a-bout.

to mor-row, I'm trust-ing in what, You say, to day is the day.

to day is the day. **VERSE 2**
2. I'm put-ting my fears.

a-side, I'm leav-ing my doubts, be-hind.

I'm giv-ing my hopes and dreams to, You, Je-sus.

I'm reach-ing my hands to Yours, be-liev-ing there's so.

much more, know-ing that all, You have in store.

for me is good, It's good, To-day is the day.

BRIDGE
I will stand up-on Your truth.

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will stand up - on Your truth.) All my days I'll live
 for You. (All my days I'll live for You) I
 will stand up - on Your truth. (I will stand up - on
 Your truth.) All my days I'll live for You. (All
 my days I'll live.) **CHORUS** To-day is the day You have made.
 I will re-joice and be glad in it. To-day is the day
 You have made I will re-joice and be glad in it
 To-day is the day, I won't wor-ry n- bout
 to-mor-row, I'm giv-ing You my tears and sor-rows
 Where You lead me I will fol-low I'm trust-ing in what You say.
 To-day is the day. To-day is the day.
 To-day is the day.

Prayer

L Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death,

and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

L 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 \dagger everlasting.
Amen.

Sermon Song

By Faith

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Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Verse 5, Chorus x2, Tag

VERSE

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,

who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice___

10 CHORUS 



stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

13  2nd X to Coda 



soul's re-ward. 'Til the race is fin-ished and the work is done,

16 





we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

18 VERSE



3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the

21 



longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -

23 



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news

25  1. 2. D.S. al Coda 



and rise tri - um - phant from the grave, earth. We will
in ev' ry cor - ner of the

26  Coda  (3)



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

27 VERSE



5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

29 



pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

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23 know in Christ all things are pos-si-ble for all who call up-on His

30 name. CHORUS We will stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will

41 fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re-ward. 'Til the

45 race is fin-ished and the work is done,

52 we'll walk by faith and not by sight. Oh, we will

47 CHORUS stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

59 soul's re-ward. 'Til the race is fin-ished and the

62 work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by

65 sight. we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Sermon

Seek First God's Kingdom

Luke 12:22-34



Song

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;—

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

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

25 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

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36

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. —

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

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

Response after each petition

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

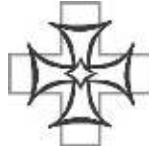
- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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

- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
- C** Amen.



Closing Song

Everlasting God

Brown, Riley

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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into a Verse and a Chorus. The Verse includes two four-measure rests at the beginning. The Chorus is marked with a double bar line and a 'C' symbol. The lyrics are: 'Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord. We will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord. We will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, Je - sus You reign for - ev er; our Hope, our strong De - liv er. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev er - last - ing God. You do not faint, You won't grow

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wear - y, You're the de - fend - er of the
 weak. You con - fort those in need. You lift
 us up on wings like ea - gles.
 Je - sus. You reign for - ev - er; our Hope. our strong
 De - liv - - - 'rer. wings like ea - gles.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7 August 2022

Readings

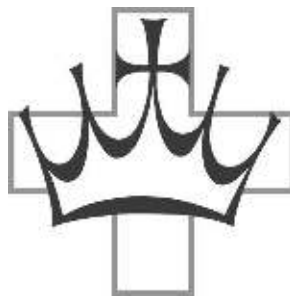
Genesis 15:1–6

Hebrews 11:1–16

Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For *"the word of the LORD came to him"* and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham *"believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness"* (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted *"descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore"* (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire *"to give you the kingdom"* (Luke 12:32). Therefore, *"do not be anxious about your life,"* but instead *"seek his kingdom"* (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. *"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming"* (Luke 12:35, 40).



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 August 2022

Readings

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3

Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)

Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is *"like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces"* (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able *"to interpret the appearance of earth and sky"* (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on *"Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,"* and *"run with endurance the race that is set before us"* (Heb. 12:1–2).

