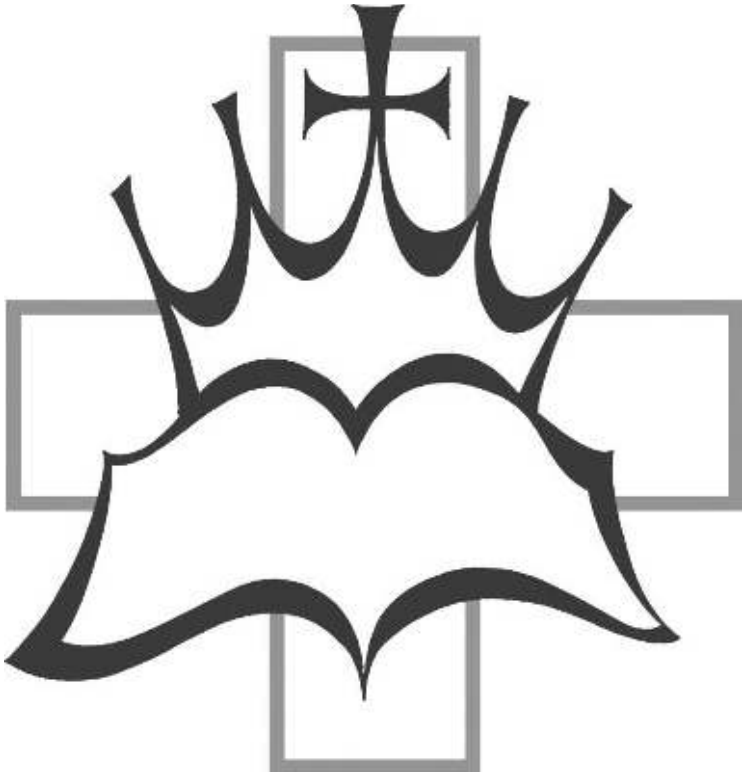


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

*Matthew 6:33*

## Order of Worship

*September 25, 2022 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 119:76, 73–75, 77*

Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.  
Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.  
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
because I have hoped in your word.  
I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;  
for your law is my delight.

## 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.*

# Sixteenth 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

Sanctuary

*Thompson, Scruggs*

*Sing twice through*



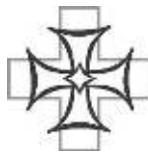
Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc tu ar y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing. I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

## 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.**

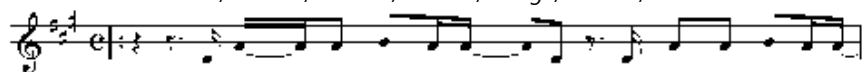


# Song of Praise

# Mighty To Save

Fielding, Morgan

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



1. Ev - 'ry-one needs com-pas - sion, love that's ne - ver fail -  
2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail -



ing. Let mer - cy fall on me.  
ures. Fill my life a - gain.



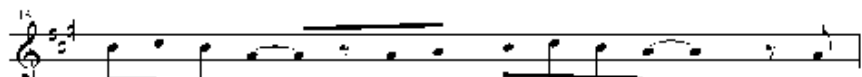
Ev - 'ry-one needs for-give - ness, the kind - ness of a Sav -  
I give my life to fall - ow ev - 'ry thing I be-lieve



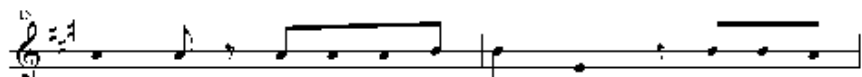
our, the hope of na - tions.  
in. Now I sur - ren - der.



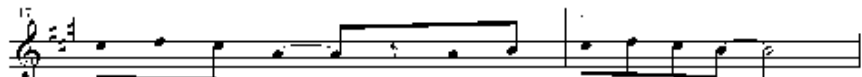
Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is



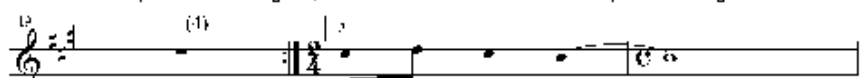
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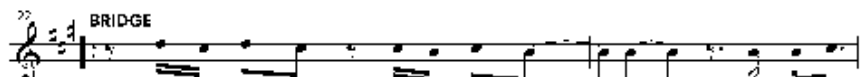
ev - er, Au - thar of sal - va - tion, He rose and



con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.



con - quered the grave.



Shine Your light and let the whole world see. We're sing - ing



for the glo - ry of the ri - sen King Je - sus. King.

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26 **CHORUS**

Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is  
 might - y to save, He is might - y to save. For -  
 ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion, He rose and  
 con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.  
 con - quered the grave.

## Psalm

Psalm 27:1–9

*Spoken responsively*

**<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
 whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
 of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
 to eat up my flesh,  
 my adversaries and foes,  
 it is they who stumble and fall.

**<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
 my heart shall not fear;  
 though war arise against me,  
 yet I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
 that will I seek after:  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
 all the days of my life,  
 to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
 and to inquire in his temple.

**<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**<sup>7</sup>Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!**

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

**<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**

**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

Ancient Words

DeShazo

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

#### VERSE 1

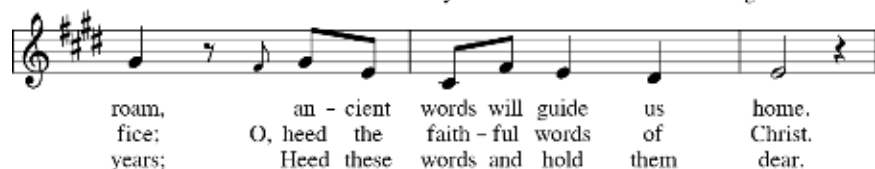
1. Ho-ly— words long pre - served for our walk in this world;—  
— They re-sound— with God's own heart, O, let the

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§ VERSES 2, 3 & 4



2. Words of life, words of  
(3.) words of our  
(4.) blood stains each



CHORUS



CHORUS





2nd time to Coda

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

INSTRUMENTAL D.S. al Coda

$\text{Coda}$  ENDING 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–11*

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- <sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>1</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

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

## Epistle

*Romans 11:33—12:2*

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup>"Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?"

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:25–33*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

<sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added 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**

**Change My Heart, O God**

*Espinosa*

*Sing twice through*



Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true;



Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.



You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay;



Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true;



Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

**Sermon**

**Transformed**

*Week 1 of 3*

**"Transformed to Seek"**

*Matthew 6:25-33*



## *Transformed...to Seek*

Since Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for me,  
how should I then \_\_\_\_\_ for him?

God's people become \_\_\_\_\_ .

God no longer wants dead animals;

God wants \_\_\_\_\_ people!

\_\_\_\_\_ still tries to reign.

- We battle our \_\_\_\_\_
- We battle the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- We battle what the \_\_\_\_\_ tells us to do

You take those steps to the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_

Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ to this world.

The world's standards are constantly \_\_\_\_\_ .

We are \_\_\_\_\_  
that have received Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ .

He is leading you to \_\_\_\_\_ first his \_\_\_\_\_ .

Since Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for me,  
how should I then \_\_\_\_\_ for him?

## 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,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

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

**G** **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,**

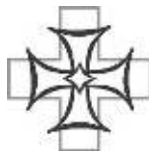
**but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

**G** **Amen.**



**Song**

**Power Of Your Love**

*Bullock*

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

Verse



Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, re - newed,  
 Lord, un-veil my eyes, let me see You, face to face,



— flow - ing from the grace that I've found in  
 the know-ledge of Your love, as You live in



You: And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I  
 me: And Lord, re-new my mind, — as Your will un-



see in me — will be stripped a - way  
 folds in my life. in liv - ing ev - 'ry day



by the pow'r of Your love,  
 by the pow'r of Your love,

Chorus



Hold me close, let Your love sur - round me,



bring me near, draw me to Your side;



And as I wait I'll rise up like the ea -

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gle, and I will soar with You, Your Spir - it leads me  
on in the pow'r of Your love.



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## Resources for Meditation this Week

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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#### Readings

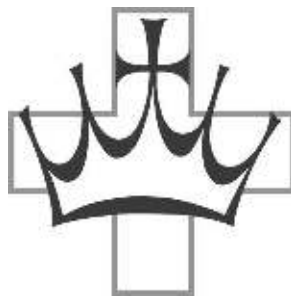
Amos 6:1–7

1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

#### ***Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches***

*"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried"* (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be *"in anguish"* (Luke 16:25). Therefore, *"woe to those who are at ease in Zion"* (Amos 6:1), for *"the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away"* (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged *"not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,"* but *"to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share"* (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and *"a root of all kinds of evils"* (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has *"great gain"* in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).



**Readings**

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:1–10

***We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness***

We are surrounded by *"destruction and violence"* (Hab. 1:3) because the Law *"is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth"* (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, *"the righteous shall live by his faith"* (Hab. 2:4). *"Temptations to sin are sure to come"* (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus *"increase our faith"* (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His *"unworthy servants"* (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, *"by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings *"life and immortality to light"* (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, *"follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,"* by which He guards you *"in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:13).

