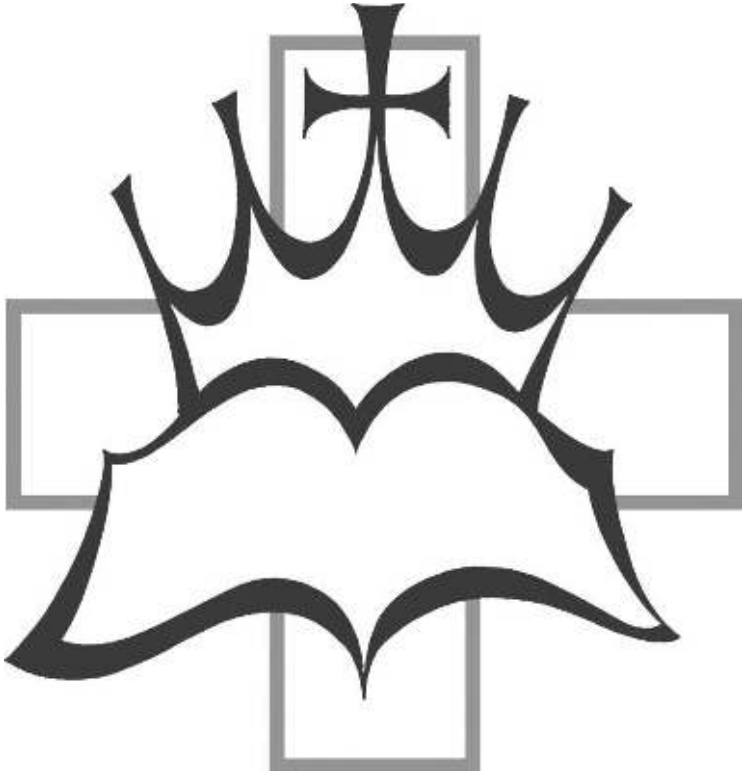


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. *Genesis 12:2*

## Order of Worship

*October 9, 2022 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 48:1a, Psalm 34:2-4, 17*

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

## 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.*

# Eighteenth 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

Our God Saves

*Baloche, Brown*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Instrumental, Verse 2B, Chorus 2*

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "In the Name of the Fa - ther, in the Name of the Son, in the Name of the Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to - geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. A "V=KSE" marking is present above the second staff.

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In the Name of the -

grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our

af - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your

peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed

on Your wings, and the world will see that

**CORUS**  
Our God saves, our God saves;

There is hope in Your Name. In the Name of the

Name; Mourning turns to songs of praise;

Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the

**CODA**  
Our God saves; Our God saves; Our God saves. Our God saves.

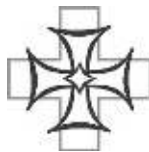


## Prayer of Confession

- 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**

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Rodgers, Wyse

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

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior,  
Pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Res - cue the souls of man, Oh, You  
res - cue the souls of man. 2. Coun - sel - or, -  
3. Al - might - y,  
4. Won - der - ful,  
com - fort - er, keep - er Spir - it we  
in - fi - nite Fa - er Faith - ful - ly  
mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -  
long to em - brace, You of - fer hope  
lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak -  
deem - er and Friend, Who would have thought -  
when our hearts have hope - less - ly  
ness that You find us fall - ing be -  
that a Lamb could res - cue the  
last our way, Oh, we've hope - less - ly  
fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be -  
souls of man, Oh, You res - cue the

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CHORUS

last fore souls the way. Your of throne. man. You are the one  
 that we praise, You are the one  
 we a-dore, You give the heal-  
 ing and grace our hearts al- ways  
 hun- ger for, Oh, our hearts al- ways  
 hun- ger for.

## Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-8*

*Spoken responsively*

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

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
 and forget not all his benefits,**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
 who heals all your diseases,

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

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

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>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.**

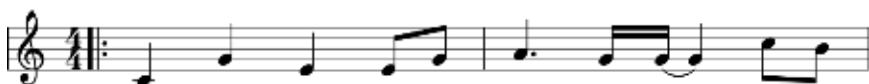
**Prayer**



**Song**

Speak, O Lord

*Getty, Townend*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You

deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your  
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things  
were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of  
the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Song****Blessed Be Your Name***Redman, Redman**Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Chorus x2*

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the  
 2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where  
 sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -  
 world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be  
 ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the des -  
 Your Name on the road marked with suf -

ert place, when I walk through the wil -  
 fer - ing; Though there's pain in the of -

der - ness, bless - ed be Your Name;  
 fer - ing, bless - ed be Your Name;

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll tum back to praise;

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. Bless - ed be the

35 CHORUS  
 Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your Name; Bless-ed be the

36  
 Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous Name.

37  
 Bless-ed be the You give and take a-

38  
 way, You give and take a - way; My heart will choose to

42  
 say, "Lord, bless-ed be Your Name", You

45  
 bless - ed be Your Name". TO CHORUS  
 Bless-ed be the

**Sermon**

Transformed

*Week 3 of 3*

"Transformed to Bless"

*Genesis 12:1-9*



## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** As sons and daughters of Abraham according to the promise, we come to You this day, O Lord, to pray for ourselves, for the sick, for the Church, for the nation and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

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

- P** As transformed children of God, imitators of Christ, receivers of your blessings, we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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:

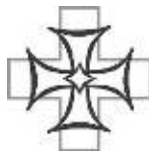
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 October 2022

### Readings

Ruth 1:1–19a

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Luke 17:11–19

### ***Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus***

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. *“Go and show yourselves to the priests,”* for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is *“at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks”* (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you *“find rest, each of you in the house of her husband”* (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has *“visited his people and given them food”* (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. *“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead”* (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely *“the word of God is not bound”* (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted *“to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”* (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you *“may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.



**Readings**

Genesis 32:22–30

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Luke 18:1–8

***Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer***

*“Left alone,”* Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, *“until the breaking of the day”* (Gen. 32:24). Though *“Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him”* (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us *“always to pray and not lose heart”* (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of *“a judge who neither feared God nor respected man”* and of a widow *“who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’”* (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to *“give her justice”* (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving *“justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night”* (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they *“have learned and have firmly believed”* (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of *“the sacred writings”* (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to *“preach the word”* at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

