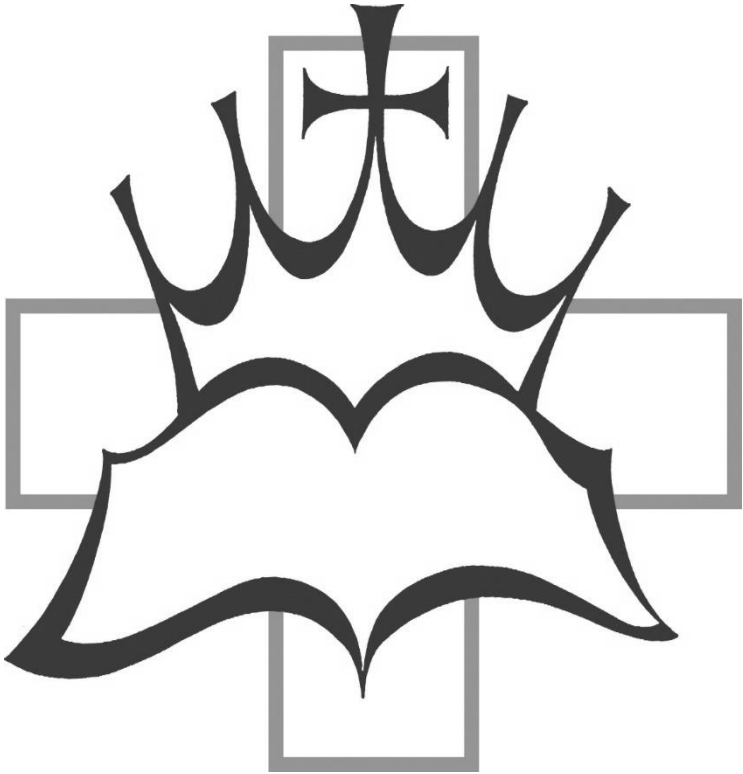


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. *Psalms 56:12–13*

Order of Worship

October 23, 2022 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 56:3, 10-13

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of 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.

Twentieth 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 – Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

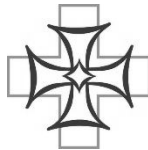
6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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! Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



Song of Praise

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.



Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.

**²Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.**

³O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

**⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**

⁵The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

**⁶You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

**⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.**

⁹For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.

**¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.**

¹¹But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.

**¹²For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

**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

L Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall

no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–17

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

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I

am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

L 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

The God of My Refuge

Mann, Fenton

Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Tag

The God of my ref - uge is here, _____ a
 pres-enthelp in time_of trou - ble. So when the storm comes, _____
 I will not fear; _____ the God of my ref - uge is here, _____ the
 God of my ref - uge is here. _____ He's a
 tow - er, _____ a strong, _____ might - y for - tress, my De -
 liv - er-er, _____ my _____ Prince of peace. _____ He's my
 Shel - ter _____ when the storm winds are rag - ing. The
 God of my ref - uge is here, _____ the
 God of my ref - uge is here. _____

Sermon

"Only Useful When Applied"

Luke 18:9-17

Song

Faithful To Lead Us On

Baloche, Kerr

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

CHORUS

A/E Bm/E A A/D D E A/E Bm/E

You are faith - ful to lead us on, more than

A A/D D E E/D

a - ble to keep us strong; Walk - ing be - fore us You

A/C# D 1.3. Bm7 Esus E A A/E Bm/E

light our way, faith - ful to lead us on. You are

2.4. Bm7 Esus E A

faith - ful to lead us on.

VERSE

E 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,

E D A2

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. Bm7 Esus E A Fine

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

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** O Lord, if we trust in ourselves for righteousness, we are lost and dead in our sins. Yet You mercifully draw us to Yourself in repentance and hear the cries of those who trust in Your Son. Grant us humility, that we may not exalt ourselves or treat our brothers and sisters with contempt. Rescue us from every evil, and bring us into Your kingdom as Your beloved children. To You alone be all glory, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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** Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- 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

(4) (4) **VERSE**

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 'rer.

CHORUS

You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -

er - last - ing God. You do not faint, You won't grow

wear - y. You're the de - fend - er of the

weak. You com - fort those in need. You lift_

us up on wings like ea - gles. **Interlude (3)**

Je - sus You reign for - ev - er; our Hope, our strong_

De - liv - - - 'rer. wings like ea - gles. **CODA**

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Resources for Meditation this Week

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 October 2022

Readings

Genesis 4:1–15

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–17

In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ

Jesus tells a parable *“to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous”* (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”* (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went *“down to his house justified, rather than the other”* (Luke 18:14). So do little children, *“even infants,”* come to Jesus with their need, and they *“receive the kingdom of God”* through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For *“the one who humbles himself will be exalted,”* but *“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled”* (Luke 18:14). That is why *“the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard”* (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, *“poured out as a drink offering,”* was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that *“the message might be fully proclaimed”* (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we *“have loved his appearing”* and as repentant sinners pray to *“the Lord, the righteous judge”* by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).



Readings

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:32).

