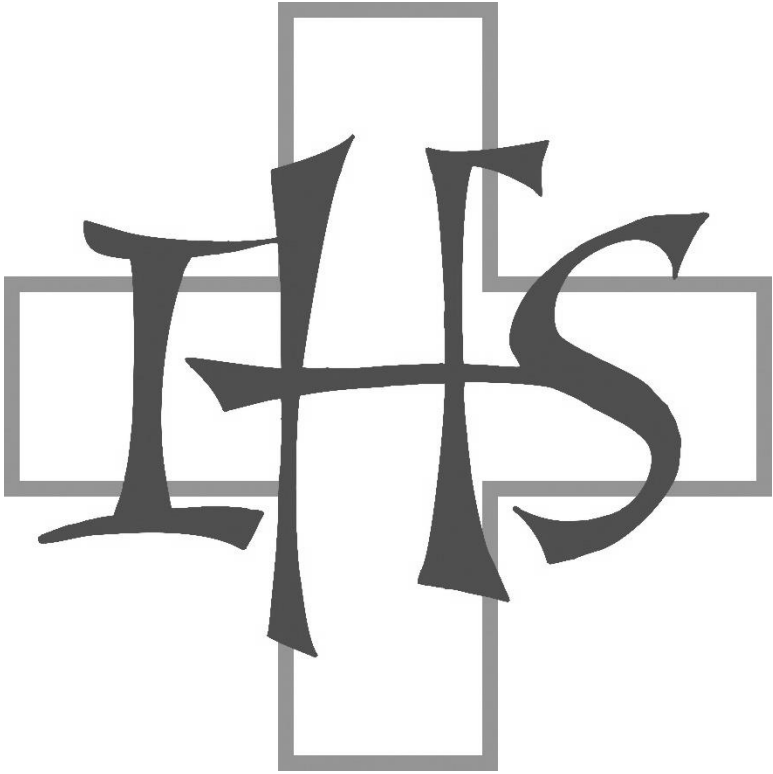


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Psalm 105:1–2

Order of Worship

July 30, 2023 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 105:1–6

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

Invocation

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song

King Of The Ages

Sadler

Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 108$ F B \flat 2 C F B \flat 2 C

Cre - a - tor, Re - deem - er, the Lamb for sin - ners slain,

F B \flat 2 C F B \flat Csus C

Mes - si - ah, our Sav - ior, Je - sus, we lift up Your name;

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Gm7 F/A Bb Dm Csus C

Most Ho - ly, most wor - thy, all men will pro - claim.

CHORUS

F Bb2 C F Bb Dm7 C/E F

Wor - ship and prais - es to the King of the Ag - es,

Bb C Dm7 Gm7 Bbmaj7 Csus C

pow - er and maj - es - ty to the Lamb on the throne;

F Bb2 C F Bb2 Dm7

Hon - or and glo - ry to our God, The Al -

C/E F Bb C Dm7

might - y, now and for - ev - er You reign,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'You are the King of the Ages'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a range of one octave. The accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: Gm7, Dm7, Bb, Csus, and F. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'You are the King of the Ages.' The word 'Ages' is written as 'es.' in the original image.

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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins 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

Treasured Possession

Altrogge

Verse, Chorus, Instrumental, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

Verse

You're not a - shamed to call us broth - ers and

sis - ters, not a - shamed to call us Your own;

Not a - shamed to bring us near to the Fa - ther,

for by Your blood we come to Your throne. We are Your

Chorus

treas - ured pos - ses - sion and the ap - ple of Your eye,

and You have set Your af - fec - tion up -

on us; We are Your treas - ured pos - ses

- sion and the ap - ple of Your eye, and we de -

light we de - light in Your love.

Psalm

Psalm 125

Spoken responsively

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

**⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

**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

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you

and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes."
⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

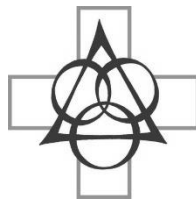


Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

I Belong

Rainey, Scott

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Refrain, Chorus

VERSE

4

1. Not an - gels, nor de - mons, no pow'r on
 2. Not hard - ship, nor hun - ger, no pain or

earth_ or_ heav - en; Not dis - tance, nor dan - ger,
 depth_ of_ sor - row; Not weak - ness, nor fail - ure,

no trou - ble now_ or_ ev - er; Noth - ing can take_ me from Your_
 no bro - ken dream. or_ prom - ise;

_ great. love; For - ev - er this truth. re - mains. _ I be - long_

CHORUS

_ I be - long_ to You; I be - long_ I be - long_

_ to You. _

_ to You; I be - long, _ I be - long_ to_ You; I be - long_

_ I be - long_ to You. _

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Noth-ing can take. me from Your ___ great love; For - ev-er this truth. re-mains;_

___ Noth-ing can take_ me from Your ___ great love; For-

ev - er this truth___ re - mains. ___ I be - long,

___ I be-long ___ to You; I be - long, ___ I be-long_

___ to You; I be-long ___ I be-long ___ to You; I be - long,

___ I be - long ___ to You. ___

Sermon What is Known about Worldly Wealth and Divine Treasure



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** Lord God, heavenly Father, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love. As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod, we pray, for the sake of Your name. Lead our delegates and members, gathered in convention, according to Your good pleasure and will, that in word and action we may love You and keep Your commandments, confessing Your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

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

21
I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but

23
I know You're al-ways good.— My hope is built on
Chorus

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.

36

1. **4**

2. Chorus

My hope is built on noth-ing less

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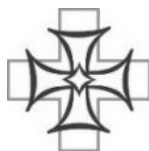
than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an-

46

oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold - ing on, —

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I'm hold - ing on — to You. —



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Resources for Meditation this Week

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 July 2023

Readings

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

Romans 8:28–39

Matthew 13:44–52

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be *"his treasured possession,"* not because of any strength in us, but solely *"because the LORD loves"* us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He *"keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments"* (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us *"great value"* by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are *"hidden in a field,"* covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but *"to be conformed to the image of his Son"* (Rom. 8:29). Since we *"are called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us *"at the right hand of God"* (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from *"the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:39).



Readings

Isaiah 55:1–5

Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)

Matthew 14:13–21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of *"the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever"* (Rom. 9:5), we are *"the children of God"* (Rom. 9:8), *"not because of works but because of him who calls"* (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, *"listen diligently"* and *"hear, that your soul may live."* By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made *"an everlasting covenant"* for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him *"and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food"* (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, *"said a blessing,"* broke the loaves, *"and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds"* (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as *"they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,"* there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

