

# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your **king** is coming to you; **righteous** and having **salvation** is he, **humble** and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9:9* At that time **Jesus** declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your **gracious** will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the **Son** except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the **Son** and anyone to whom the **Son** chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for **I am gentle** and **lowly in heart**, and you will find **rest for your souls**. For **my yoke is easy**, and **my burden is light**." *Matthew 11:28–30*

## Order of Worship

July 9, 2023 9:00 AM

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## Introit

*Psalm 91: 1–2, 9–10*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—  
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

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.

## 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.

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Four

## Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

### Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

LSB 868 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my  
5 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day All I de -  
△ 6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of  
sign or do or say That all my pow'rs with  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.  
all their might In Thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**L** 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 145:1–14*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!**

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

**<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.

**<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**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.**

## Kyrie

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

## Epistle

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

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





## **Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 207*

**☩ 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.**



# Hymn of the Day

## Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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## Sermon

## "King Jesus"

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

*Matthew 11:25-30*



## Prayer of the Church

- 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** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

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

- 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.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

- 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 Hymn

## We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end.



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pen-ed heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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## Postlude

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 July 2023

### Readings

Zechariah 9:9–12

Romans 7:14–25a

Matthew 11:25–30

### ***Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest***

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *“another law waging war”* in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we *“desire to do what is right,”* but we are not able to do so because *“nothing good”* dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). *“Thanks be to God,”* therefore, *“through Jesus Christ our Lord,”* who delivers us from *“this body of death”* (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes *“righteous and having salvation”* (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us *“free from the waterless pit,”* and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we *“labor and are heavy laden,”* He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are *“wise and understanding,”* but by the *“gracious will”* of God the Father, whom *“the Son chooses to reveal”* in love (Matt. 11:25–27).



**Readings**

Isaiah 55:10–13

Romans 8:12–17

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

***The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love***

As *“the rain and the snow come down from heaven”* and *“water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout”* (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as *“an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off”* (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and *“indeed bears fruit”* (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who *“have received the Spirit of adoption as sons”* (Rom. 8:15). Thus being *“led by the Spirit of God,”* we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we *“also be glorified with him”* (Rom. 8:17).

