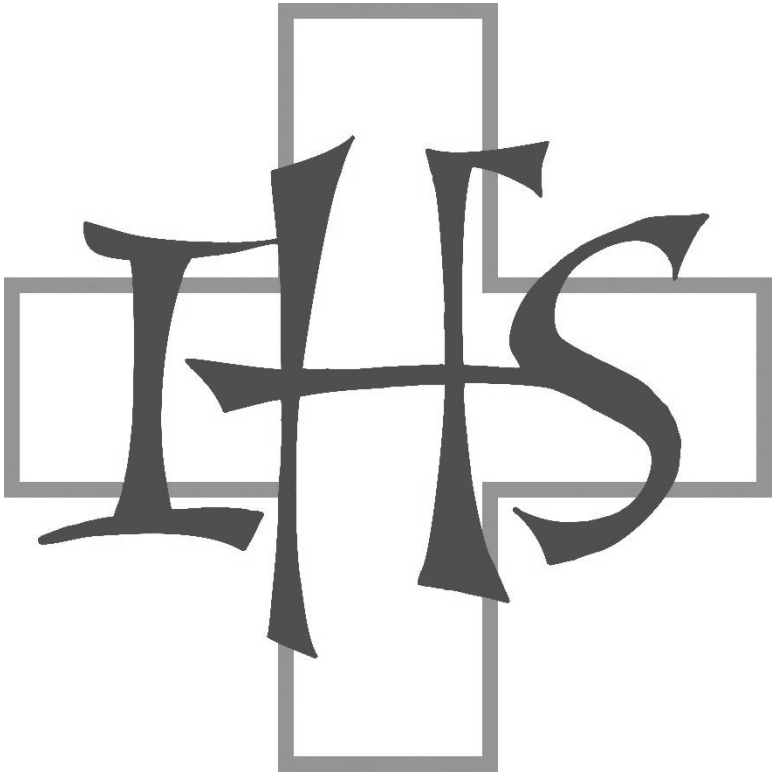


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

Order of Worship

August 13, 2023 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 34:1, 4-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

Invocation

L This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

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

C Amen.

Opening Song We Have Come To Worship The Lord

Horton

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Tag

CHORUS

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We have come to wor - ship the Lord, We have come to wor - ship the Lord, Bow down be - fore Him, Love and a - dore Him, We have come to wor - ship the Lord. En - ter". The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line and a dash. The third line ends with a double bar line and a fermata. The fourth line has two endings: the first ending (marked '1') ends with a double bar line, and the second ending (marked '2') ends with a double bar line.

We have come to wor - ship the Lord,

We have come to wor - ship the Lord, -

Bow down be - fore Him, Love and a - dore Him,

We have come to wor - ship the Lord. En - ter

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10 VERSE

in - in - to the Ho - ly Place; En - ter in, and

13

look up - on His face; He is worth - y, He is

15

ho - ly, He is Je - sus; En - ter in.

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

- L** 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.**

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.

Song of Praise

You Have Saved Us

Baloché, Gowell

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The score is divided into sections: Verse 1 (measures 1-12), Chorus (measures 13-15), Verse 2 (measures 16-18), and Chorus (measures 19-22). Measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 22 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. The lyrics are: 1. Who am I that You would know me, 2. Turn your hearts from earth-ly i-dols, who are we to You, Lord? You have shown Your turn our eyes to You, Lord. On-ly You can love and mer-cy, we are stran-gers no more. We are heal what's bro-ken, on-ly You can re-store. daugh-ters, we are sons all be-cause of what You've done. CHORUS You have saved us, You have raised us up with You. You have saved us, called us out and made us new, yeah. 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental You have saved us, yeah.

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26 [7] We are daughters, we are sons all be-

30 cause of what You've done. CHORUS You have saved us,

34 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

38 called us out and made us new. You have saved us,

42 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

46 called us out and made us new, yeah.

49 You have saved us.

52 You have saved us. You have saved us.

Psalm

Psalm 18:1-6

Spoken responsively

¹I love you,

O LORD, my strength.

**²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

**⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

**⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.**

**From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

**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 Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

- ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?
- ¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
- ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
- ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
- ¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
- ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
- ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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

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.

Sermon

"Faith"



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** Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our 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.**

- 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,

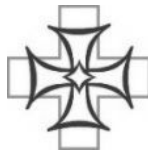
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- 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

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.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 August 2023

Readings

Job 38:4–18

Romans 10:5–17

Matthew 14:22–33

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who *“laid the foundation of the earth”* (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has *“entered into the springs of the sea”* and *“walked in the recesses of the deep”* (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been *“a long way from the land, beaten by the waves”* and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, *“Do not be afraid,”* and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”* (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard *“through the word of Christ”* (Rom. 10:17). *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (Rom. 10:8).



Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Matthew 15:21–28

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. *“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”* (Rom. 11:29), and His Law *“has consigned all to disobedience”* for the very purpose *“that he may have mercy on all”* (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with *“the children’s bread”* in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His *“holy mountain,”* and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

