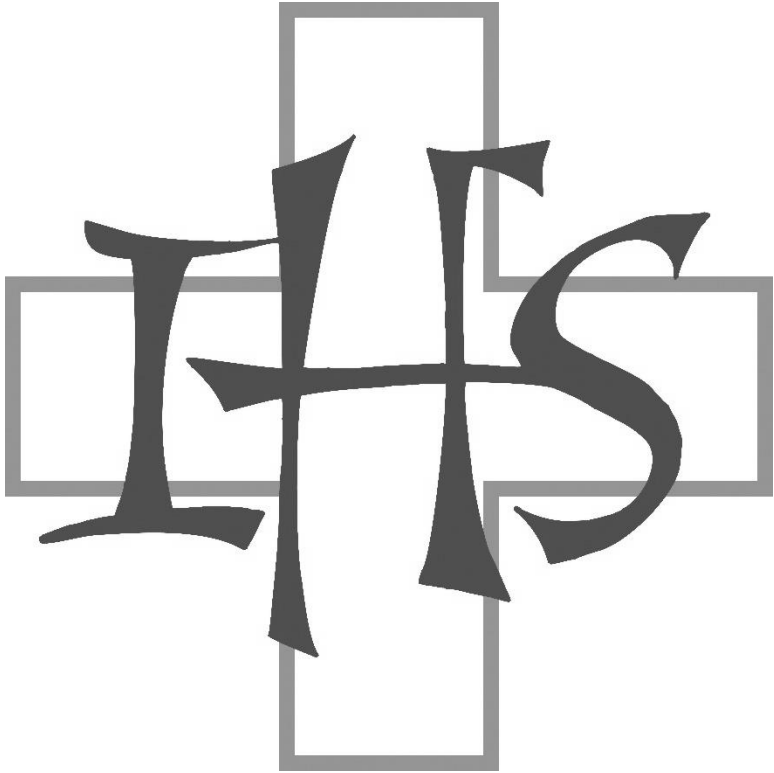


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



[Jesus] said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:15–16

Order of Worship

August 27, 2023 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 115:18; Psalm 2:6-7; 117

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

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.

Thirteenth 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

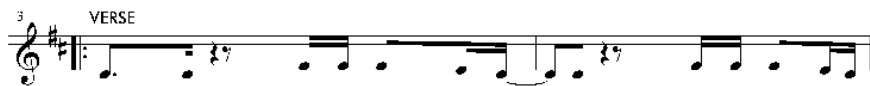
Our God Saves

Baloche, Brown

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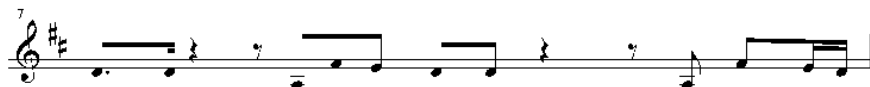


VERSE

Fa - ther, in the Name of the Son, in the Name of the



Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to -

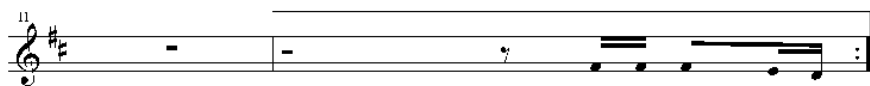


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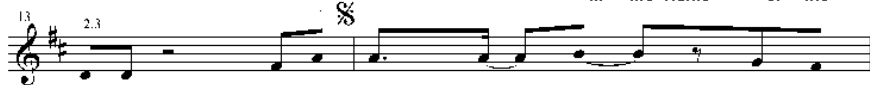


Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace.

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In the Name of the -

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grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our

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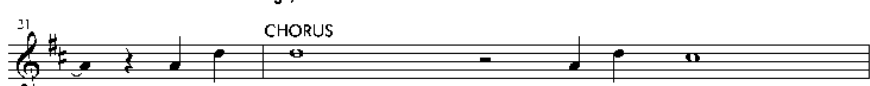
of - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your

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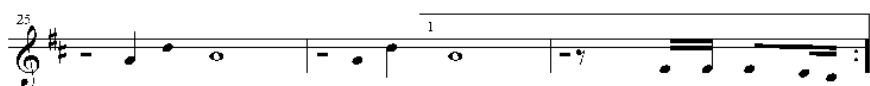
peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed

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on Your wings, and the world will see that

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Our God saves, our God saves;

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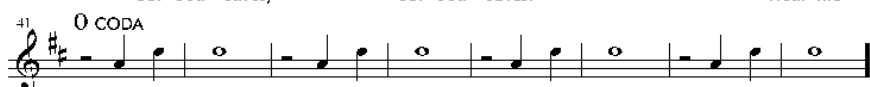
There is hope in Your Name. In the Name of the

30 

Name; Mourning turns to songs of praise;

35 

Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the

41 

Our God saves; Our God saves; Our God saves. Our God saves.

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

The Same Love

Baloche, Rossback

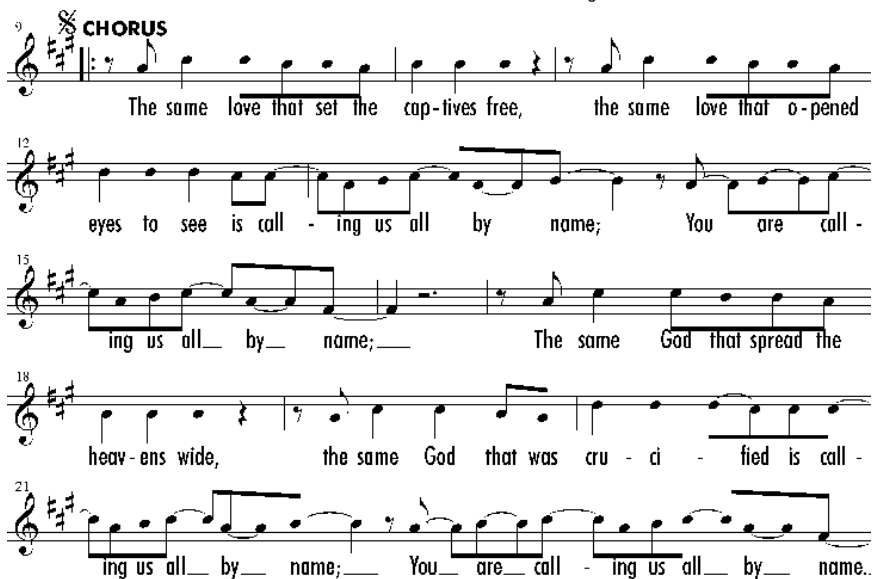
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VERSE



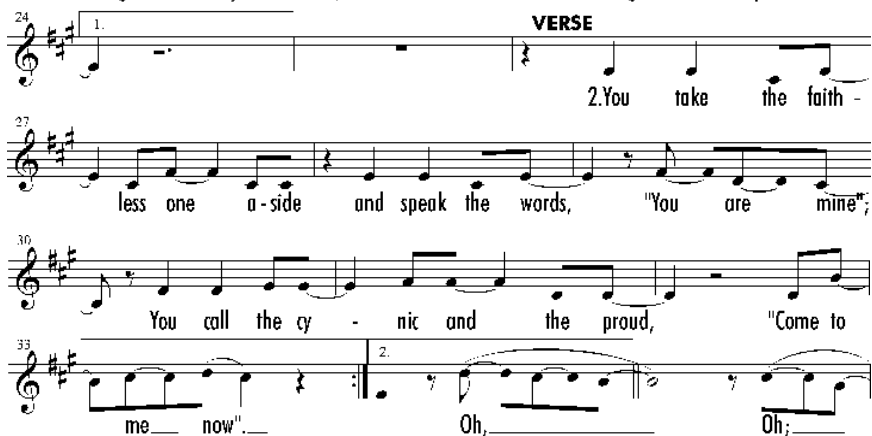
1. You choose the hum - ble and raise them high; You choose the weak
and make them strong; You heal our bro -
ken - ness in - side and give us life.

CHORUS



The same love that set the cap - tives free, the same love that o - pened
eyes to see is call - ing us all by name; You are call -
ing us all by name; The same God that spread the
heav - ens wide, the same God that was cru - ci - fied is call -
ing us all by name; You are call - ing us all by name.

VERSE



2. You take the faith -
less one a - side and speak the words, "You are mine";
You call the cy - nic and the proud, "Come to
me now". Oh, Oh;

Spoken responsively

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

**⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

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

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you

say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

By Faith

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Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Verse 5, Chorus x2, Tag

VERSE

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,

who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice

CHORUS

stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the work is done,


we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

VERSE

3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the

longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -

23



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news

25



1. and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will
in ev' ry cor - ner_ of the__

2. D.S. al Coda Θ

28



Θ Coda (3)
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

31



VERSE
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

33



pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

35



know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His

38



CHORUS
name. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will

41



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Til the

43



race is fin - ished and the work is done,

45



we'll walk by faith and not by sight. Oh, ___ we will

47



CHORUS
stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

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soul's___ re-ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the

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work is done, we'll walk by faith___ and not by

55

sight. we'll walk by faith___ and not by sight.

Sermon

“What, When, and With Whom”

Romans 11:33—12:8; Matthew 16:13–20



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** From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory 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.

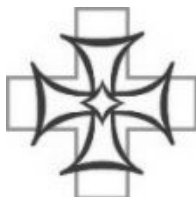
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



Benediction

L 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.

3rd X to Coda **Interlude (3)**

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

D.S. al Coda **CODA**

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

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

27 August 2023

Readings

Isaiah 51:1–6

Romans 11:33—12:8

Matthew 16:13–20

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: *“But who do you say that I am?”* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *“the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *“the gates of hell shall not prevail”* (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *“will never be dismayed”* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that *“joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song”* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *“according to the measure of faith that God has assigned”* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *“as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Readings

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord *"began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised"* (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this *"theology of the cross,"* Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic *"theology of glory."* But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we *"live peaceably with all"* (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we *"rejoice in hope,"* and we are *"patient in tribulation"* and *"constant in prayer"* (Rom. 12:12).

