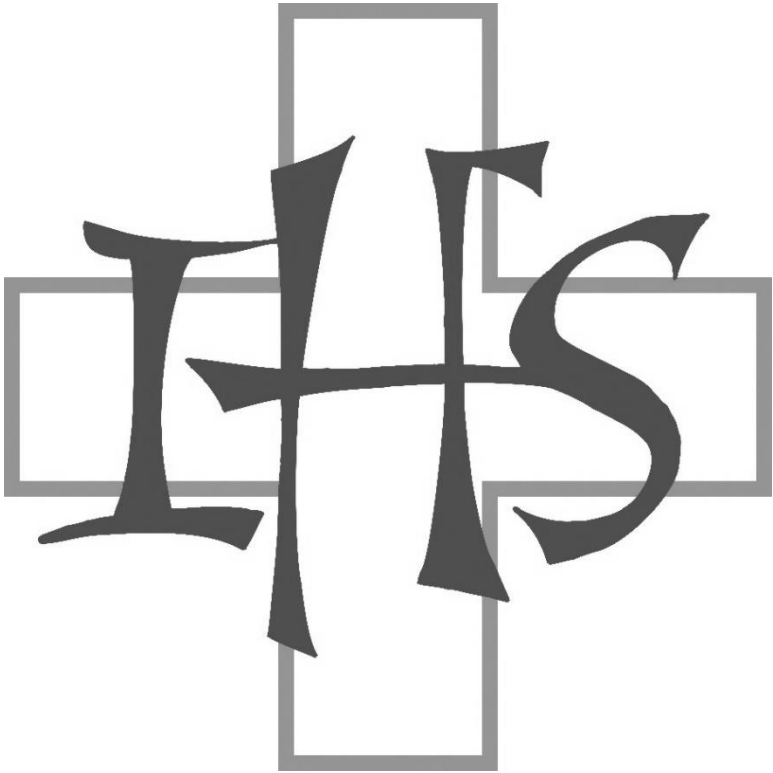


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalm 118:22–23

Order of Worship

October 8, 2023 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*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.*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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.

Nineteenth 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

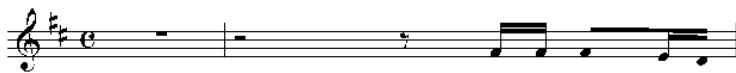
C Amen.

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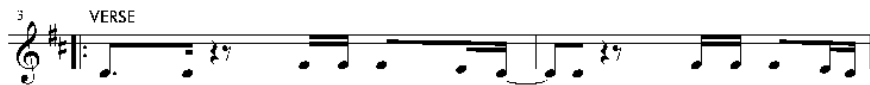
Our God Saves

Baloché, Brown

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Instrumental, Verse 2B, Chorus 2



In the Name of the



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



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

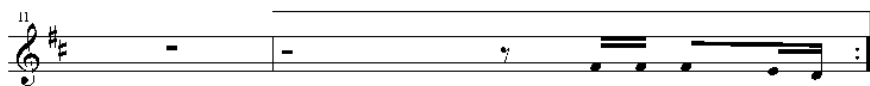


geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our

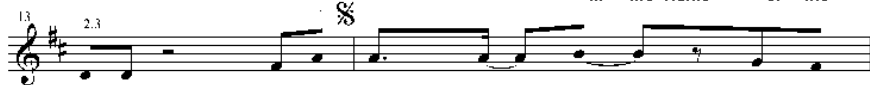


Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace.

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In the Name of the -

13 

grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our

15 

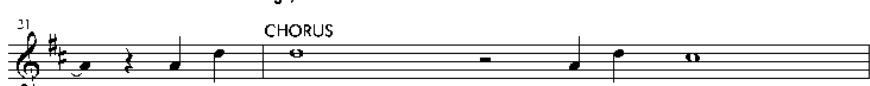
of - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your

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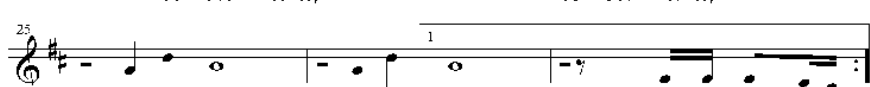
peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed

19 

on Your wings, and the world will see that

21 

Our God saves, our God saves;

25 

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

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.**

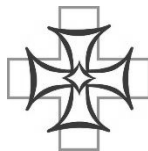
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

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
 De - liv - - - 'rer. *D.S. al Coda* **CODA**
 wings like ea - gles.

Spoken responsively

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.

**¹²Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;**

have regard for this vine,
¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

**¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

**¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**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.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness 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

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

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

³³[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

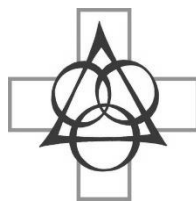
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.**



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



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,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P** 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,

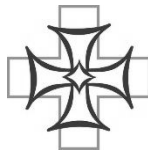
but deliver us from evil.

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

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.

C **Amen.**



Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman, Redman

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

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the
 2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where
 sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -
 world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
 ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the des -
 Your Name on the road marked with suf -

ert place, when I walk through the wil -
 fer - ing; Though there's pain in the of -

der - ness, bless - ed be Your Name;
 fer - ing, bless - ed be Your Name;

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. Bless - ed be the

CHORUS
 Name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be the

29
Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous Name.

32
Bless-ed be the You give and take a -

38
way, You give and take a - way; My heart will choose to

42
say, "Lord, bless - ed be Your Name", You

45
bless - ed be Your Name". Bless-ed be the

BRIDGE

TO CHORUS

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Resources for Meditation this Week

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Readings

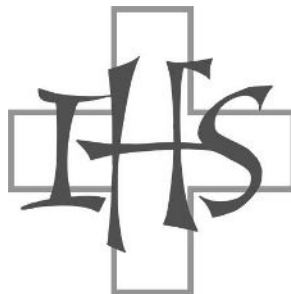
Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted *“on a very fertile hill”* (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with *“choice vines,”* but also building the *“watchtower”* of His prophets and hewing out the *“wine vat”* of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when *“he looked for it to yield grapes,”* there were only *“wild grapes”* of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth *“the fruits in their seasons”* (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he *“suffered the loss of all things”* in order to *“gain Christ and be found in him,”* to *“know him and the power of his resurrection”* (Phil. 3:8–10).



Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).

