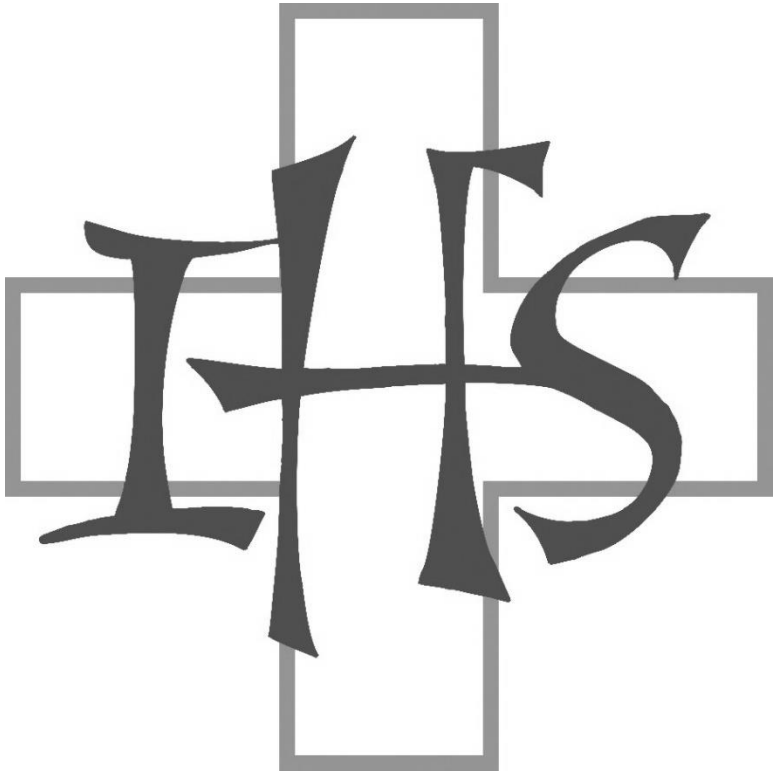


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Then [Jesus] said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:21

Order of Worship

October 22, 2023 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 121:5, 1–4, 7–8

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

Twenty-first 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.

Matthew 28:19

C **Amen.**

Opening Song

Sing Of Your Love

Poythress, White

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

VERSE

1. When my heart is heav -
y, when my soul is vexed with shame; When
my mind is bur - dened, I will call up-on Your Name;
When the road I walk is eas - y, when the sun -
shine rules the day, when I feel You close be - side

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16
me, I will call up-on Your Name. I will dwell

19 **CHORUS**
in Your tab-er-nac - le, I will hide be-neath Your wings;

22
On the rock that is high-er than I, I will sing

25
of Your love, sing of Your love, sing, of Your love

28
for me. 2. In a world

33 **VERSE**
that's grow - ing dark - er, where it seems all hope is lost,

36
I will find a light to cling to in the shad -

39
ow of Your cross; 'Cause Your love is nev - er end -

42
ing, and this one truth re - mains; There's sal - va -

45
tion for ev - 'ry - one that calls up-on Your Name.

48
I will dwell I will sing

51 of Your love, sing of Your love, sing of Your love;

54 of Your love, and I will dwell in Your tab - er - nac -

57 le, I will hide be - neath Your wings; On the rock

60 that is high - er than I, I will sing of Your love;

63 I will dwell in Your tab - er - nac - le, I will hide

66 be - neath Your wings; On the rock that is high - er than I,

69 I will sing of Your love, sing of Your love, sing,

72 of Your love for me.

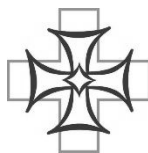


Prayer of Confession

- 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**



Song of Praise

Rising

Baloche, Redman

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

From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun... goes down... let the Name...
of the Lord be ... praised; From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun...
goes down... let the Name of the Lord ... be ... praised. 1. We've
(2. We're)

§ VERSE
gath - ered to wor - ship, be - com - ing a choir to sing
gath - ered to go out to cit - ies and towns; We'll take
Your praise; Lift - ing our voi - ces,
Your Name in - to the na - tions,
join - ing our hearts in this house to - day, peo - ple of God,
shin - ing Your light in the dark - est place; Peo - ple of God,
in the pow - er of God, for the King - dom of God,
in the pow - er of God, fer the King - dom of God,

TO CODA (♩)
CHORUS
we ... sing, From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun ... goes ... down let the Name ...
we ... live.
of the Lord be ... praised; From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun,
goes down ... let the Name of the Lord be ... praised; From the sky ...

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32 to the depths, from the east to the west

35 we give You praise. 2. We're

40 we give You praise. D.S. al Coda

43 CODA ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name

45 of the Lord be praised. From the ris

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9

Spoken responsively

- ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**
- ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

**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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning
you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of
men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much
affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the
word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but
your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say
anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of
reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to
come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

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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

In Christ Alone

Townend, Getty

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on
 3. There in the ground His bod - y
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in

found, He is my light, my strength, my
 flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - - - less
 lay, Light of the world by dark - - - ness
 death, This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 babel This gift of love and right - eous -
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to
 Day Up from the grave He rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - - - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 died, The wrath of God was sat - is -
 ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on
 man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

ceasel My Com - for - ter, my All in
 fied For - ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 me, For I am His and He is
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



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** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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 How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

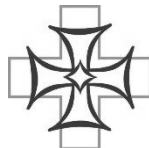
make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

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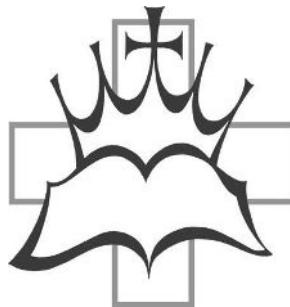
Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).



Readings

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

