

The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."
John 15:9

Order of Worship

May 5, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

singing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Blessèd be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

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 of Easter

Divine Service

Invocation for the Easter Season

L Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

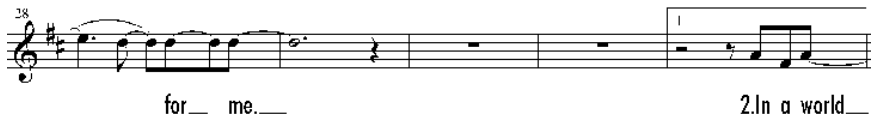
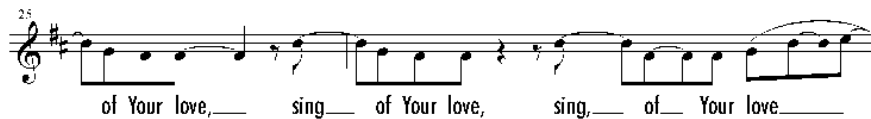
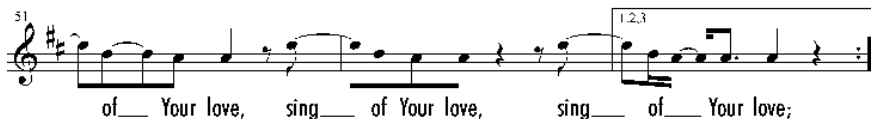
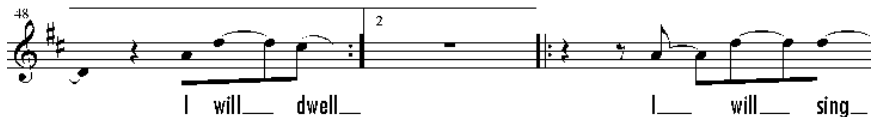
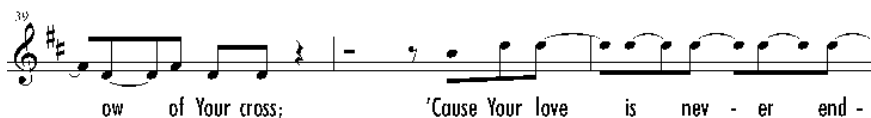
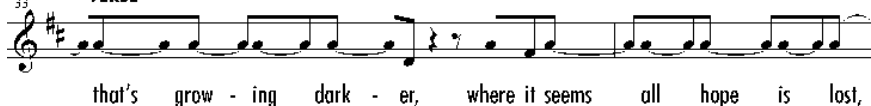
Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

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 six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Above the first few notes, the word "VERSE" is written. The lyrics are: "1. When my heart is heavy, when my soul is vexed with shame; When my mind is burdened, I will call up-on Your Name; When the road I walk is easy, when the sun shine rules the day, when I feel You close beside me, I will call up-on Your Name. I will dwell".

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

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19 **CHORUS**33 **VERSE**

54  **CHORUS**
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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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.**

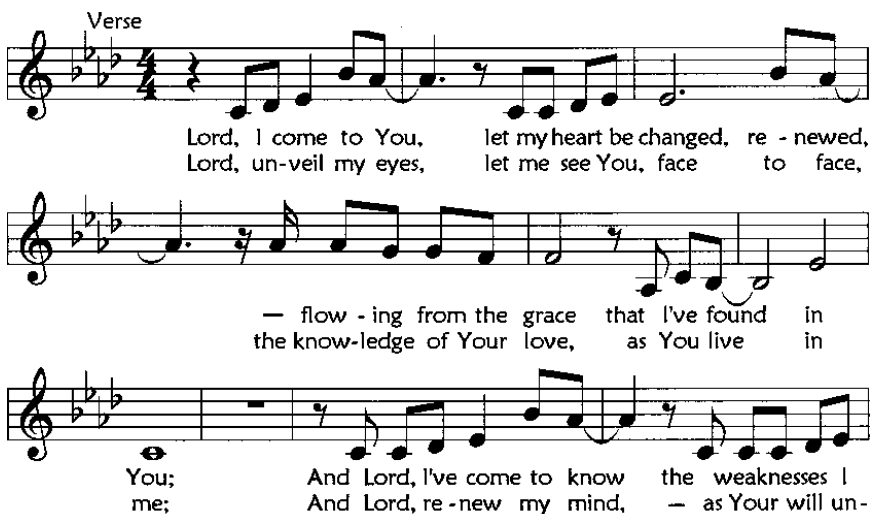
Song

Power Of Your Love

Bullock

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

Verse

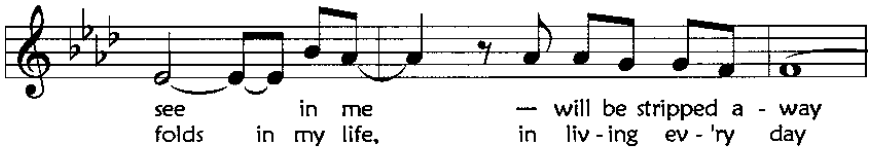


Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, re - newed,
 Lord, un-veil my eyes, let me see You, face to face,

— flow - ing from the grace that I've found in
 the know-ledge of Your love, as You live in

You;
 me;

And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I
 And Lord, re - new my mind, — as Your will un-



see in me — will be stripped a - way
folds in my life, in liv - ing ev - 'ry day



by the pow'r of Your love. _____
by the pow'r of Your love. _____

Chorus



Hold me close, let Your love sur - round me,



bring me near, draw me to Your side;



And as I wait I'll rise up like the ea -



gle, and I will soar with You, Your Spir - it leads me



on in the pow'r of Your love. _____



Spoken responsively

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

**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 of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No

longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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.**



Song of the Day

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.

Sermon

"Abiding in Christ's Love"

John 15:9-17

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** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, 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

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

cease! 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!

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Resources for Meditation this Week

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 May 2024

Readings

Acts 1:12–26

1 John 5:9–15

John 17:11b–19

Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them *“from the evil one”* and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, *“that they also may be sanctified in truth”* (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things *“to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life”* (1 John 5:13). For *“this life is in his Son,”* whom He has given by His Word, and *“whoever has the Son has life”* (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together *“with one accord,”* as one Body in Christ, *“devoting themselves to prayer”* and waiting upon the Lord in *“the upper room”* of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

