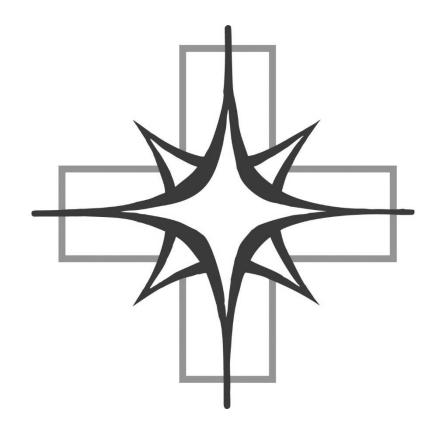
The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Order of Worship

June 2, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit *Psalm 62:1, 5–8*

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 28:19

Amen.





Prayer of Confession

- P Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- **©** We have not always lived our lives according to your will.
- **P** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- P But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,
- **(a)** 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.
- 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 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.



Psalm Psalm 81:1–10

Spoken responsively

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

²Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

³Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

⁴For it is a statute for Israel, a just decree of the God of Jacob.

⁵He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a language I had not known: 6"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

⁷In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

¹²"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.'"

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Mark 2:23—3:6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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,

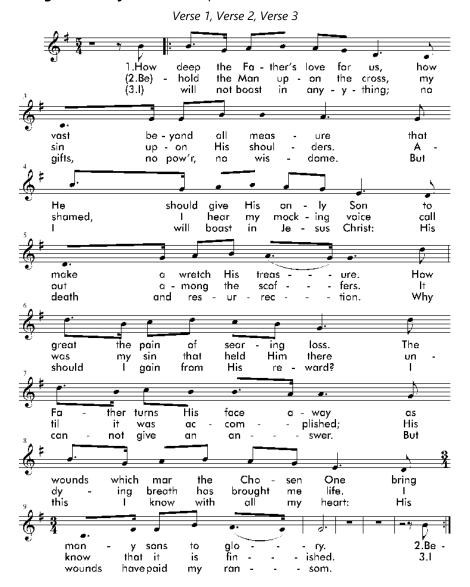
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

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.





Sermon



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

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.
- 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.
- P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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

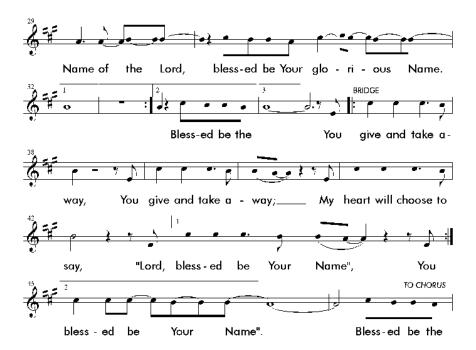
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

- The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.

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





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Resources for Meditation this Week

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 June 2024

Readings

Deuteronomy 5:12–15 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 Mark 2:23–28 (3:1–6)

Christ Jesus Is the Sabbath Rest that Remains for the People of God Forevermore

The Lord brought the sons of Israel out of Egypt "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm," in order to give them rest (Deut. 5:15). When He commanded them to "observe the Sabbath day," therefore, it meant not doing "any work" but resting in His works (Deut. 5:12, 14). So has the same Lord, Jesus Christ, come in the flesh to fulfill the Law and to become our Sabbath Rest. As David "entered the house of God," and not only "ate the bread of the Presence" but "also gave it to those who were with him" (Mark 2:26), the Lord Jesus entered the Holy of Holies as our great High Priest, in order to feed us with His flesh as the true bread of the Presence of God. As "lord even of the Sabbath," He works "to do good," to heal and "to save life" (Mark 2:28; 3:2, 4). He brings us out of sin and death and gives us rest in His own crucified and risen body. Though it is given "in jars of clay," the life of Jesus is thereby manifested in our bodies (2 Cor. 4:7–11).



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings

Genesis 3:8–15 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20–35

Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death

The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide "from the presence of the LORD God." But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He "first binds the strong man," Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil's house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be "out of his mind" (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, "we do not lose heart," despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. "He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus." By His grace, we are "being renewed day by day." For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for "an eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:14–17).

