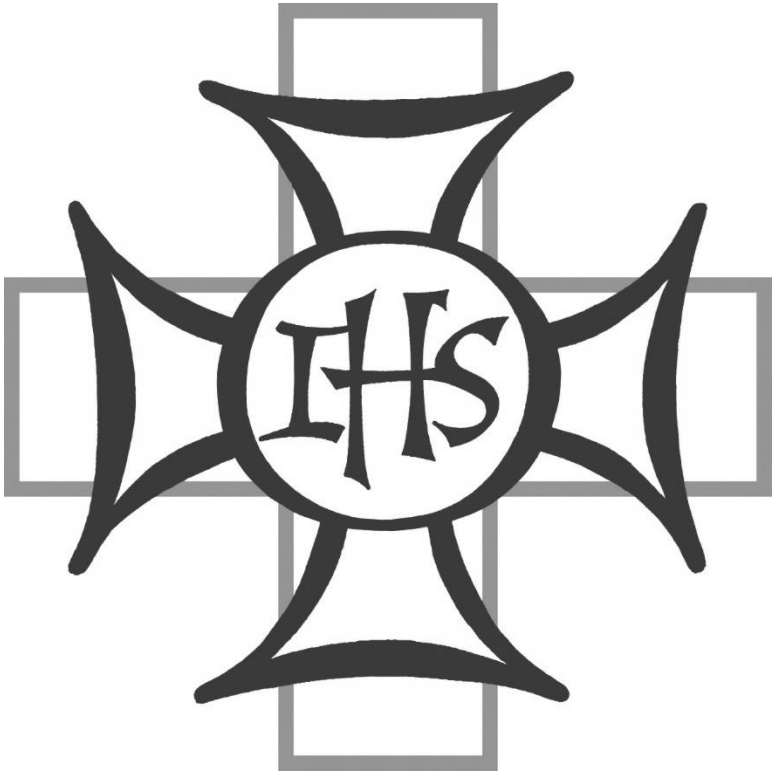


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



[Christ] died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. *2 Corinthians 5:15*

## Order of Worship

*June 16, 2024 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 92:1, 12-15*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.  
The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,  
to declare that the LORD is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

## 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.*

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service

Welcome

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song

### Give Us Clean Hands

*Hall*

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

The musical score is written on eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the first line. The lyrics are: We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh, Spir - it, come make us hum - ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i - dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

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17 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face,

19 O God of Ja - cob.

22 cob O God let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

21 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

27 Give us clean hands; Give us pure hearts;

31 Give us clean hands O God we try out

36 Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not

39 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

42 Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

45 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face, O God of Ja -

48 cob. O God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

50 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

## 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** 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 1*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
 that yields its fruit in its season,  
 and its leaf does not wither.  
 In all that he does, he prospers.

**<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
 but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 17:22–24*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what

is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 4:26–34*

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

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet



when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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 of the Day**

**By Faith**

*Getty, Getty, Townend*

*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

3  
 light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the  
 pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

5  
 lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,

7  
 who walk by faith and not by sight. 1. reign. We will  
 a place where peace and jus - tice 2.

10  
 CHORUS  $\text{\textcircled{X}}$   
 stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

13  
 soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the work is done, 2nd X to Coda  $\text{\textcircled{\theta}}$

16  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

19  
 VERSE  
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the  
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the

21  
 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

and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will  
 in ev' ry cor - ner\_ of the\_\_

1. 2. D.S. al Coda  $\Theta$

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we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

(3)

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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

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

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47 CHORUS



stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our  
 50 soul's re-ward. 'Til the race is fin-ished and the  
 52 work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by  
 55 sight. we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

## Sermon

Mark 4:26–34

### 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** Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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

### Christ Above Me

*Chisum, Sercy*

*Chorus x2, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Tag*

Christ ab-ove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me,  
ev - er guid - ing; Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore,  
Christ my love, my life, my Lord.

1. Bread of life from Heav - en,  
2. Mer - cy ev - er - last - ing,

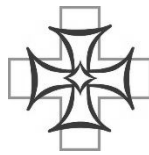
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14  
 Lov - er of my soul; Peace of God, so  
 ten - der-ness di - vine; Word of God so

17  
 1 ev - er pres - ent, I sur-ren-der my con - trol to

20  
 2 ev - er heal - ing I sur-ren-der heart and mind to

*D.C. al Fine*



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 June 2024

### Readings

Ezekiel 17:22–24

2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (11–17)

Mark 4:26–34

### ***The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind***

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are *“able to hear it,”* that is, *“to his own disciples,”* who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters *“seed on the ground,”* which *“sprouts and grows”* unto life, even as *“he sleeps and rises”* (Mark 4:26–27). *“On the mountain height of Israel,”* He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes *“a noble cedar.”* Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which *“every kind of bird”* will dwell, and in which *“birds of every sort will nest”* (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we *“groan, being burdened”* (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake *“died and was raised”* (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, *“we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”* (2 Cor. 5:1).



**Readings**

Job 38:1–11

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

***The Word of Christ Bestows Peace on His Creation through His Forgiveness of Sins***

In his anguish and affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job's *"words without knowledge"* are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has *"prescribed limits"* and *"set bars and doors,"* so that *"here shall your proud waves be stayed"* (Job 38:9–11). That's how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the *"great windstorm"* and the waves *"breaking into the boat."* He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks *"Peace!"* to us, which bestows the *"great calm"* of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. *"Now is the favorable time,"* and *"now is the day of salvation"* (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

