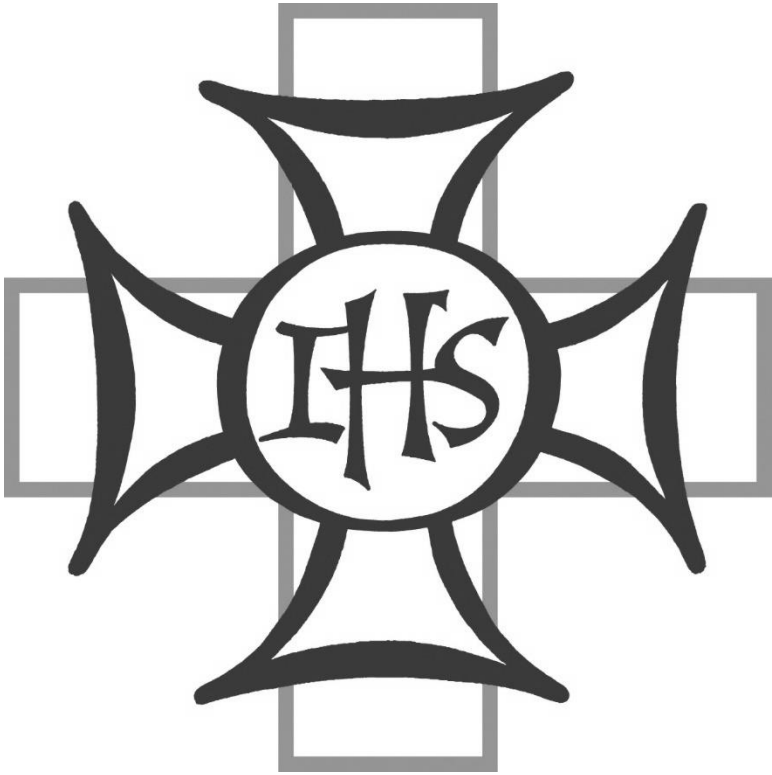


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Order of Worship

July 14, 2024 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,

for in you I trust.

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.

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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.

Eighth 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.

G Amen.

Opening Song

Our God Saves

Baloche, Brown

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

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 several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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. In the Name of the - grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our". The score includes a "VERSE" section starting at measure 3 and a "2.3" section starting at measure 13. There are also some musical symbols like a repeat sign and a fermata.

In the Name of the

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

5
Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to -

7
geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our

9
Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace.

11
In the Name of the -

13 2.3
grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our

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

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

19 on Your wings, and the world will see that

21 CHORUS
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 *To Coda* [10] *D.S. al Coda*
Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the

41 CODA
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.**

Absolution

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.

Song of Praise

Glorious

Baloche, Brown

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

VERSE

1. Look in - side the mys - t'ry, see the emp - ty cross;
2. Look be - yond the tomb - stone, see the liv - ing God;

4
See the ris - en Sav - ior, vic - to - ri - ous and strong;
See the res - ur - rec - ted Rul - er of my heart;

8
No one else a - bove Him, none as strong to save;
No one else a - bove Him, none to match His worth;

12
He a - lone has con - quered the pow - er of the grave.
The hope of His re - turn - ing fills the u - ni - verse.

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16 CHORUS
 Glo - ri - ous, my eyes have seen the glo - ry of the

21
 Lord; Glo - ri - ous, He stands a - bove the rul - ers of the

27
 earth; 1 - : 2 - Glo - ri - ous, glo - ri - ous,

33
 Lord, You are glo - ri - ous. (6)

39 BRIDGE
 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;

43
 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;

47 CHORUS
 Glo - ri - ous, my eyes have seen the glo - ry of the

52
 Lord; Glo - ri - ous. He stands a - bove the

57
 rul - ers of the earth; Glo - ri - ous,

61
 glo - ri - ous, Lord, You are glo - ri - ous.

68
 Oh, You are glo - ri - ous;

71
 Oh, 76 You are glo - ri - ous.

78
 Oh, 80 You are glo - ri - ous.

Psalm

Psalm 85:8–13

Spoken responsively

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.**

**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

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which

he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

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

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of

John the Baptist.”²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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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

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!

Sermon

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Preserve Your Church, O Lord, for Your name's sake. Answer us in Your righteousness and in Your faithfulness. Since You have sent us forth in this world to testify to Your Word, let us find conviction and confidence in our confession that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people in every time and in every place. Unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again on the Last Day. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son 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

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; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I
me; 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,



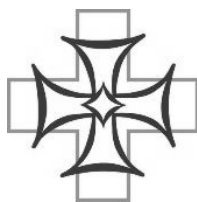
bring me near, draw me to Your side;



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

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gle, and I will soar with You, Your Spir - it leads me
on in the pow'r of Your love. _____



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Resources for Meditation this Week

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 July 2024

Readings

Amos 7:7–15

Ephesians 1:3–14

Mark 6:14–29

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him *“from following the flock”* and said to him, *“Go, prophesy to my people Israel”* (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would *“die by the sword,”* and Israel would *“go into exile away from his land”* (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod *“sent and seized John and bound him in prison,”* even though he knew that John *“was a righteous and holy man”* (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod *“sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head”* (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist *“has been raised from the dead”* (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself *“before the foundation of the world,”* and even now by faith, *“the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”* has blessed us in Christ *“with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also *“were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”* for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).



Readings

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–44

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes *“the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep”* (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets *“shepherds over them who will care for them”* (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to *“reign as king and deal wisely”* (Jer. 23:5). He is *“our righteousness,”* in whom we *“dwell securely”* (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were *“like sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples *“to set before the people”* (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace *“to you who were far off,”* and *“by the blood of Christ,”* He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were *“separated from Christ”* by your sin, *“having no hope and without God in the world”* (Eph. 2:12), now *“you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”* (Eph. 2:19).

