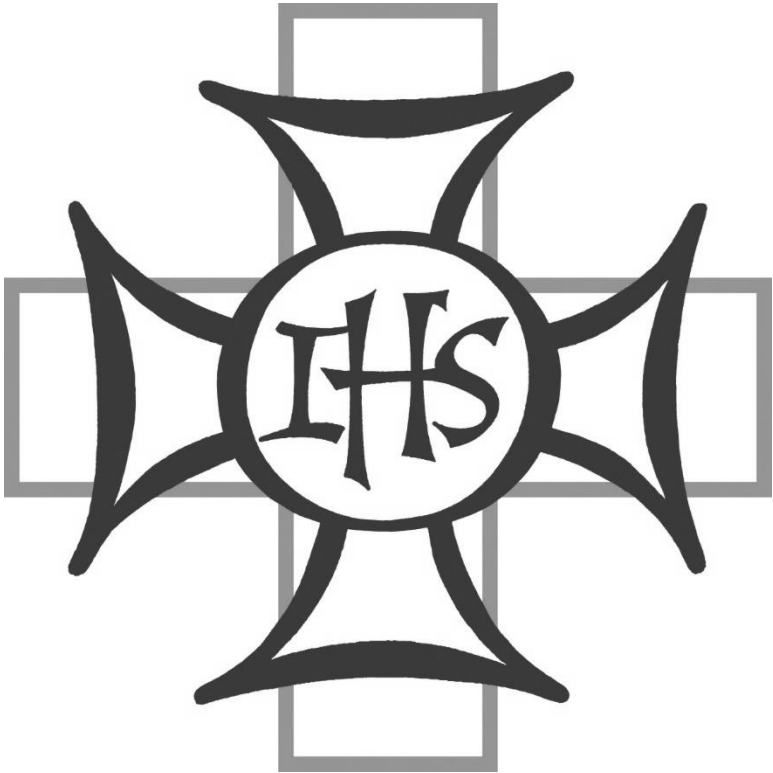


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and
the place where your glory dwells. *Psalms 26:8*

Order of Worship

August 25, 2024 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous
deeds.

*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.*

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

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.

Fourteenth 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

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 3/4 time. It includes lyrics for the opening song. The lyrics are: We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh, Spirit, come make us humble. We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our idols. 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

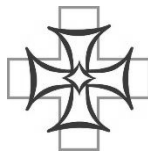
P O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.

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.**

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

White As Snow

Olguin

Sing Twice Through

White as snow, — white as snow, — Though my
sins were as scar - let, Lord, I know, — Lord, I know —
— That I'm clean and for - giv - en. Through the
pow - er of Your blood, — Through the won - der of Your love, —
— Through. faith in You I know that I am
now — white as snow. —

Psalm

Psalm 14

Spoken responsively

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
there is none who does good.

**²The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.**

³They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.

**⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the LORD?**

⁵There they are in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.

**⁶You would shame the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is his refuge.**

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,

that the thing made should say of its maker,

“He did not make me”;

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,

“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,

and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness

the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

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

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

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



**☩ 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**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.

Sermon*Ephesians 5:22-33*

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

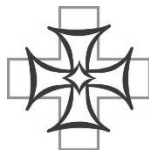
- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

- 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

My Hope *Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe*

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2

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1.Noth-ing will change if

5
all the plans I make go wrong; Your love stays the same; Your

8
light will guide me through it all; I'm hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;

11
— 2.Noth-ing can reach the
3.You are my Rock when

14
end of all Your faith-ful-ness; Your grace is with me through
storms are rag-ing all a-round; You shel-ter me, God; I'm

16
ev- 'ry sha-dow, ev- 'ry test; I'm
safe with You on sol-id ground; I'm

17
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—
hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—

21
I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but

23
I know You're al-ways good.— My hope is built on

26
noth-ing less than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness

29
I will not walk an-oth-er way; I trust Your heart, I

32
trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,— I'm hold-ing on— to You.

Chorus

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1. **4**

2. Chorus

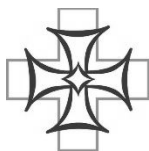
My hope is built on noth-ing less

43 than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an-

46 oth-er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,—

50 I'm hold-ing on— to You.—

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff starts at measure 36 and includes a first ending (marked '1.' and '4') and a chorus section (marked '2. Chorus'). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff starts at measure 43, the third at 46, and the fourth at 50. The music concludes with a double bar line.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 August 2024

Readings

Isaiah 29:11–19

Ephesians 5:22–33

Mark 7:1–13

The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not *“[reject] the commandment of God”* in order to establish or hold to *“the tradition of men”* (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord *“with their mouth”* and to honor Him *“with their lips,”* while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is *“the Holy One of Israel,”* who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, *“the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,”* but *“the deaf shall hear”* and *“the eyes of the blind shall see”* (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He *“gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word”* (Eph. 5:25–26).



Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Ephesians 6:10–20

Mark 7:14–23

We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

Wickedness and evil come *“from within, out of the heart,”* and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus *“declared all foods clean”* (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, *“listen to the statutes and the rules”* of the Lord, *“and do them, that you may live”* (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is *“your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples”* (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it *“to your children and your children’s children”* (Deut. 4:9). Put on this *“armor of God”* by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may *“stand firm”* in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the *“gospel of peace,”* and take up *“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”* by confessing Christ Jesus and *“praying at all times in the Spirit”* (Eph. 6:14–18).

