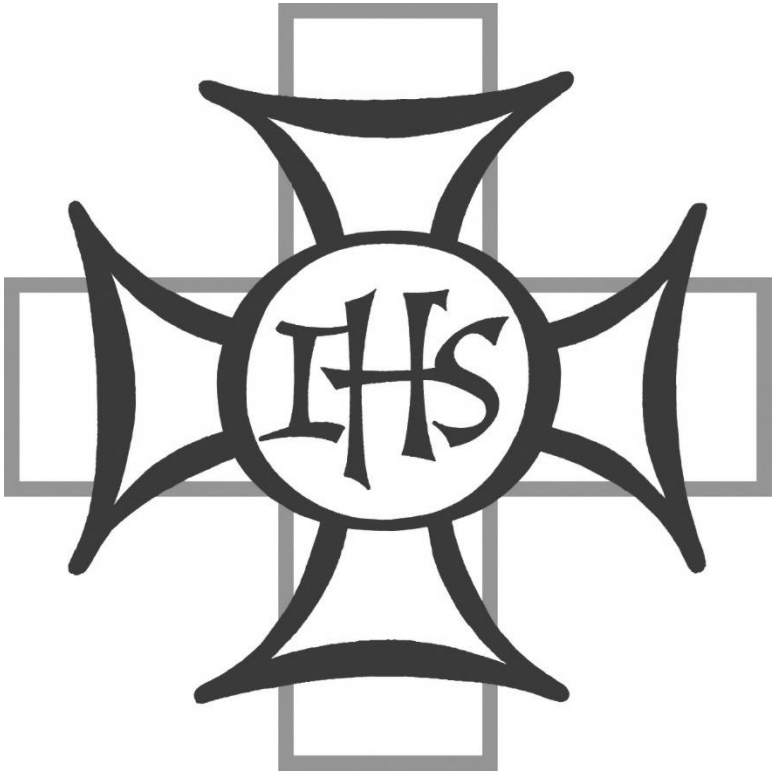


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*John 6:51*

## Order of Worship

*August 18, 2024 9:00 AM*

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## **Introit**

*Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant  
forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

## 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.

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Four

Welcome

Opening Hymn

**The Lord, My God, Be Praised**

LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way,  
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 34:12–22*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?

<sup>13</sup>**Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.**

<sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.**

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

**<sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

**<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

<sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.

**<sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, ...

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

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

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6–21*

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.


  
**Deo Gratias**
  
 THANKS BE TO GOD

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

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

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

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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

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

**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.**

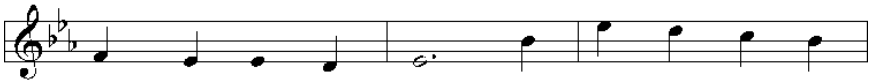
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

**You Are the Way; through You Alone**



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone Truc  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You. O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



## Prayer of the Church

- 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- L** 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.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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 Hymn

### Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of c - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 August 2024

### Readings

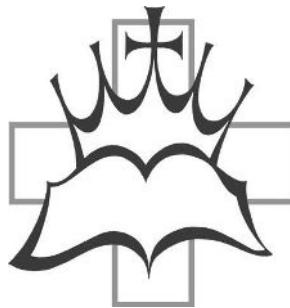
Proverbs 9:1–10 or Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Ephesians 5:6–21

John 6:51–69

### ***Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh***

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh *“for the life of the world,”* not only as a sacrifice for sin but as *“the living bread”* from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. *“Arise from the dead”* and live in Him, because you are *“light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to *“one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart”* (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, *“and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness”* (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you *“out of the house of slavery”* by His cross and resurrection, and now He does *“great signs”* in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).



**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).

