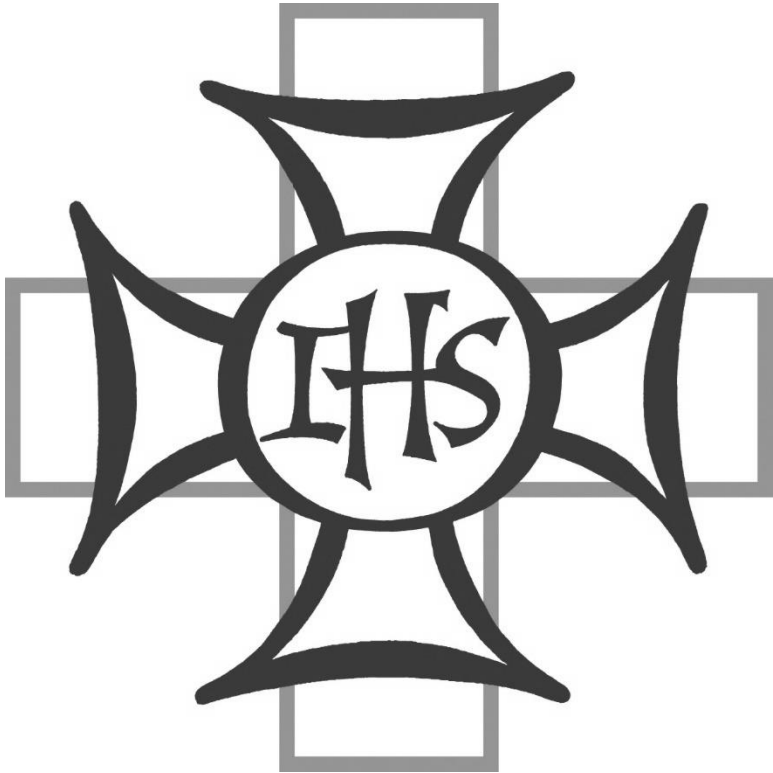


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Order of Worship

September 8, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me,

I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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.

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

As We Gather

Today is Education Rally Day – a day when we emphasize all the educational opportunities in our church family. We gather as leaders and learners, dedicated to continued growth in the faith. Our eye this morning is on this generation and the next as we are renewed in the strength of Christ to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the richness of God’s Word, as learning disciples of Christ.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

Invocation

Matthew 28:19

L In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 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 six staves of music. 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 measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13. There are repeat signs and first/second endings indicated. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

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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 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

- L** 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.**
- L** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
- L** 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

L 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.**

Declaration of Grace

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise

You Have Saved Us

Baloche, Gowell

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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a four-measure rest, followed by a repeat sign and a section labeled 'VERSE'. The lyrics are: '1. Who am I that You would know me, 2. Turn your hearts from earth - ly i - dols, who are we to You, Lord? You have shown Your turn our eyes to You, Lord. On - ly You can love and mer - cy, we are stran - gers no more. We are heal what's bro - ken, on - ly You can re - store. daugh - ters, we are sons all be - cause of what You've done.'

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15 CHORUS
 You have saved us, You have raised

16
 us up with You. You have saved us,

19
 called us out and made us new, yeah.

22 1 - Repeat to Verse 2 [3] 2 - to Instrumental
 You have saved us, yeah.

26 [7]
 We are daughters, we are sons all be-

30 CHORUS
 cause of what You've done. You have saved us,

34
 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

38
 called us out and made us new. You have saved us,

42
 You have raised us up with You. You have saved us,

46
 called us out and made us new, yeah.

49
 You have saved us.

53
 You have saved us. You have saved us.

Spoken responsively

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,**

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

**⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for

the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

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

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

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

**☩ 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.



Song of the Day

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - - - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

Sermon

"Endurance – In Christ"

Hebrews 12:1–2

Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- 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** Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

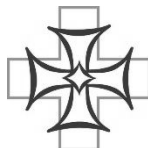
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

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- 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 Song

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!

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Resources for Meditation this Week

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8 September 2024

Readings

Isaiah 35:4–7a

James 2:1–10, 14–18

Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37

Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well

The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of *“vengeance”* and *“recompense,”* but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).



Readings

Isaiah 50:4–10

James 3:1–12

Mark 9:14–29

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Those who teach the Word of God *"will be judged with greater strictness"* (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue *"boasts of great things,"* whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, *"it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison"* (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who *"does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man"* (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with *"the tongue of those who are taught,"* He is able to sustain the weary *"with a word"* (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the *"mute and deaf spirit"* from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

