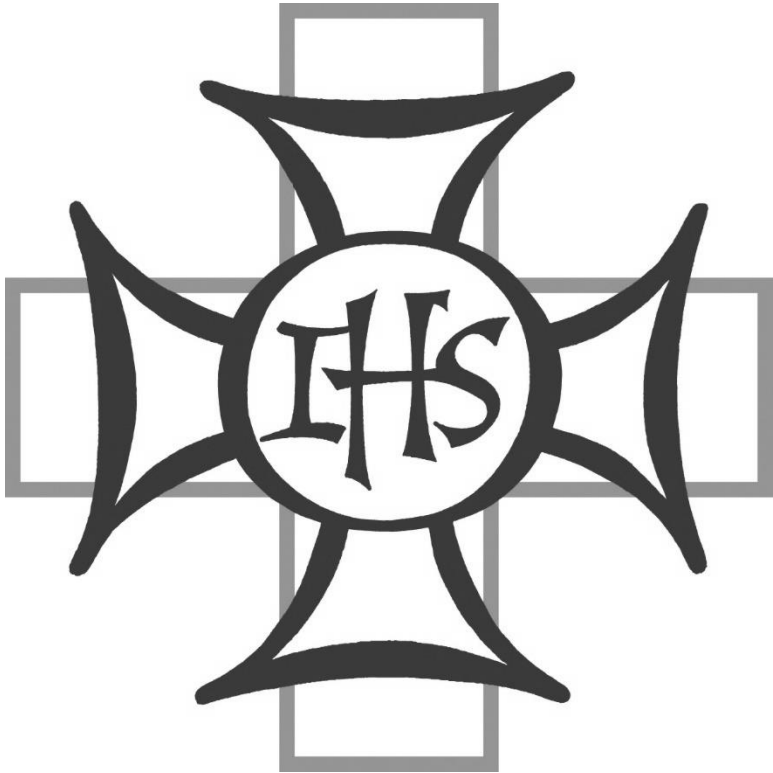


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

Order of Worship

September 22, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

*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.*

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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.

Eighteenth 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 We Have Come To Worship The Lord

Horton

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Tag

CHORUS



We have come to wor - ship the Lord,

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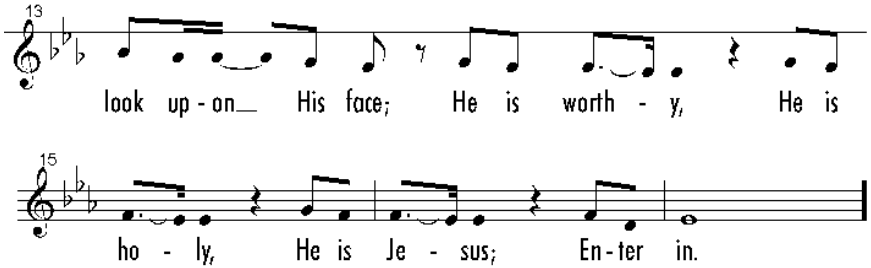
Bow down be - fore_ Him,_ Love and a - dore_ Him,_

We have come to wor - ship the Lord._ 1 En - ter 2

VERSE

in in - to the Ho - ly Place; En - ter in, and

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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

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 54

Spoken responsively

¹O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

**²O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.

**⁴Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**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

L Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and ³⁰passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he

will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

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.**

Song of the Day

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



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** 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.**

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

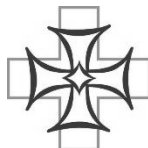
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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

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



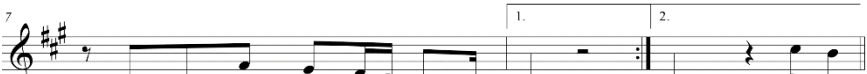
light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

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. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice

10

CHORUS



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,


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 -

continued on next page

23



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news

25



1. and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will
in ev' ry cor - ner_ of the__

2. **D.S. al Coda** Θ

28 Θ Coda (3)



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

31 VERSE



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 CHORUS



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

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.

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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).

