The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

Psalm 128:1

Order of Worship

October 6, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 127:3-5; antiphon: v. 1a

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

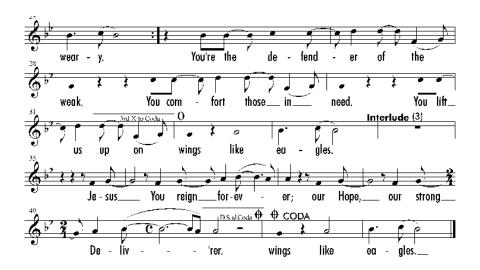
Welcome

Invocation Matthew 28:19

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





Prayer of Confession

- L Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- **©** We have not always lived our lives according to your will.
- L We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- **©** We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- L But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,
- **g** 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.
- 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.

Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus



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Declaration of Grace

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.

Psalm Psalm 128

Spoken responsively

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

⁶May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Mark 10:2-16

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." 5And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

- **I** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



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.

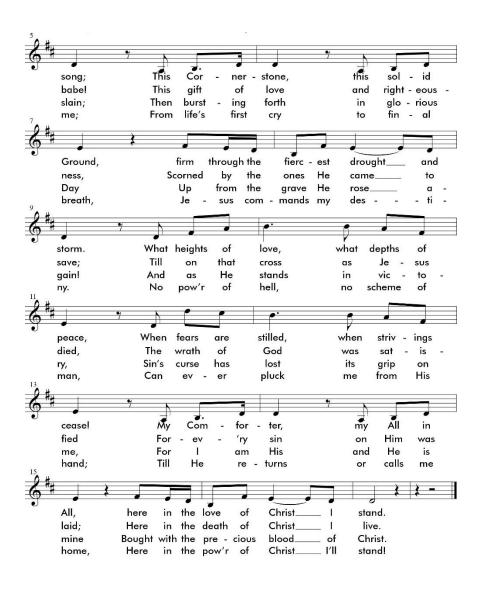
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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 \(\frac{1}{2} \) everlasting. Amen.







Sermon "Jesus – The Founder of Salvation" Hebrews 2:1–13



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

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.
- Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.
- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

- 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.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 October 2024

Readings

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Hebrews 3:12–19 Mark 10:17–22

Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life

The Lord is the Author and Giver of life, as well as a consuming fire of judgment against all "who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate" (Amos 5:12). "Seek the LORD and live," therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. "And so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you" (Amos 5:6, 14–15). Understand that "no one is good except God alone" (Mark 10:18). The life that you are called to live is found neither in your "great possessions," nor in your good works, but only in Christ Jesus. Let go of "all that you have" and follow Him, even unto death, and "you will have treasure in heaven" (Mark 10:21–22). Do not harden your heart against His voice, nor turn away from Him, lest you "fall away from the living God." Rather, hear and heed His call, cling to His Word and "exhort one another every day," that you may remain steadfast in Christ and "firm to the end" (Heb. 3:12–15).

