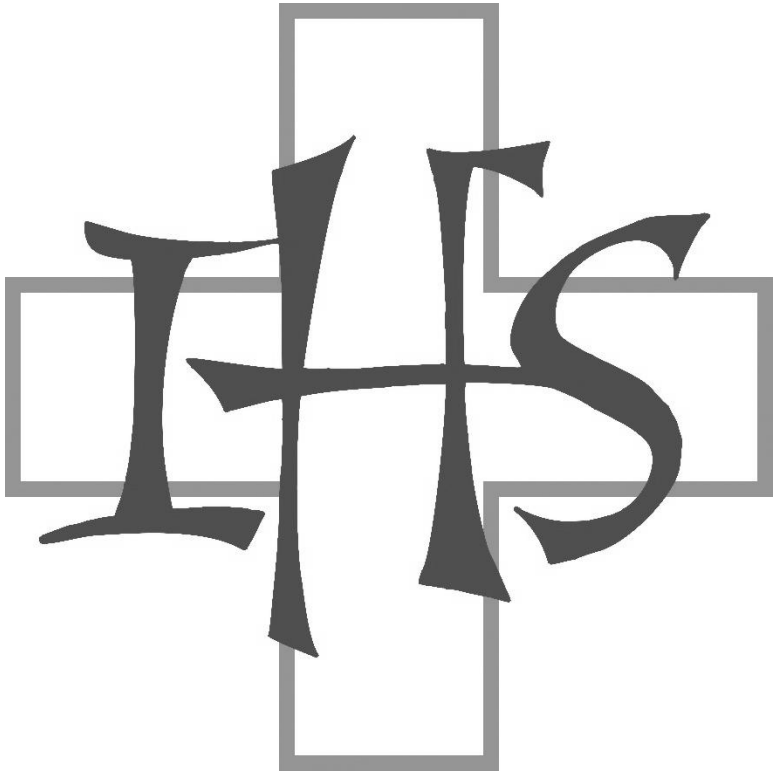


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27

Order of Worship

October 20, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 34:1-4, 17; antiphon: v. 18

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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.

Twenty-second 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.

C Amen.

Opening Song

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Rodgers, Wyse

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Verse 4, Chorus x2

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior,
Pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Res - cue the souls of man, Oh, You
res - cue the souls of man. §
2. Coun - sel - or, -
3. Al - might - y,
4. Won - der - ful,
com - fort - er, keep - er Spir - it we
in - fi - nite Fa - er Faith - ful - ly
mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -

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26
 long to em - brace, You of - fer hope
 lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak -
 deem - er and Friend, Who would have thought

30
 when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 ness that You find us fall - ing be -
 that a Lamb could res - cue the

34
 lost our way, Oh, we've hope - less - ly
 fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be -
 souls of man, Oh, You res - cue the

38
 CHORUS
 lost the way. You are the one
 fore Your throne.
 souls of man.

42
 that we praise, You are the one

46
 we a - dore, You give the heal -

50
 ing and grace our hearts al - ways

54
 hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al - ways

58
 hun - ger for.

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

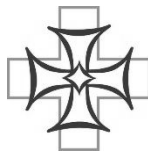
P O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.

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.**



Psalm

Psalm 119:9–16

Spoken responsively

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

¹²**Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

¹³With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.

¹⁴**In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶**I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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 of the Day

My Hope

Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe

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

4

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;—

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

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

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

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

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

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

36

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. —

Sermon

“The Eye of a Needle”

Mark 10:23–31



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, You are near to the brokenhearted, and You save the crushed in spirit. Deliver us from every fear and trouble, that the praise of Your name would continually be in our mouths.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son left His earthly home to do His saving work, and so He knows what it is to leave family behind. Comfort Your children who have left home and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel. Set them firmly into the family of the Church, and sustain them in the hope of eternal life in the age to come; 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

Only By Grace

Gustafson

Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse

On - ly by grace can we en - - - ter
on - ly by grace can we stand,
not by our hu - man en - deav - - - or,
but by the blood of the Lamb;
in - to Your pres - ence You call us. You

The musical score is written on five staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The first staff contains the first line of music with lyrics 'On - ly by grace can we en - - - ter'. The second staff contains the second line with lyrics 'on - ly by grace can we stand,'. The third staff contains the third line with lyrics 'not by our hu - man en - deav - - - or,'. The fourth staff contains the fourth line with lyrics 'but by the blood of the Lamb;'. The fifth staff contains the fifth line with lyrics 'in - to Your pres - ence You call us. You'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

11
call us to come

13
in - to Your pres - ence, You draw us and

15
now by Your grace we come, Last time to Coda ↻

17
now by Your grace we come.

19
Lord, if You mark our trans - gres -

21
sions, who would stand?

23
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed

25
by the blood of the Lamb. *F.C. al Coda*

28 ↻ Coda
now by Your grace we come.

30
Now by Your grace we come,

32
now by Your grace we come. *Fine*

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Resources for Meditation this Week

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 October 2024

Readings

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)

Mark 10:23–31

By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is *“occupied with joy in his heart”* and is able to sleep in peace, *“whether he eats little or much,”* because he knows that the *“days of his life”* are *“the gift of God”* (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he *“shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand”* (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult *“for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God”* (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet *“all things are possible with God”* (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through *“the eye of a needle,”* through death and the grave, *“to enter the kingdom of God”* on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the *“great high priest who has passed through the heavens”* (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).



Readings

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

