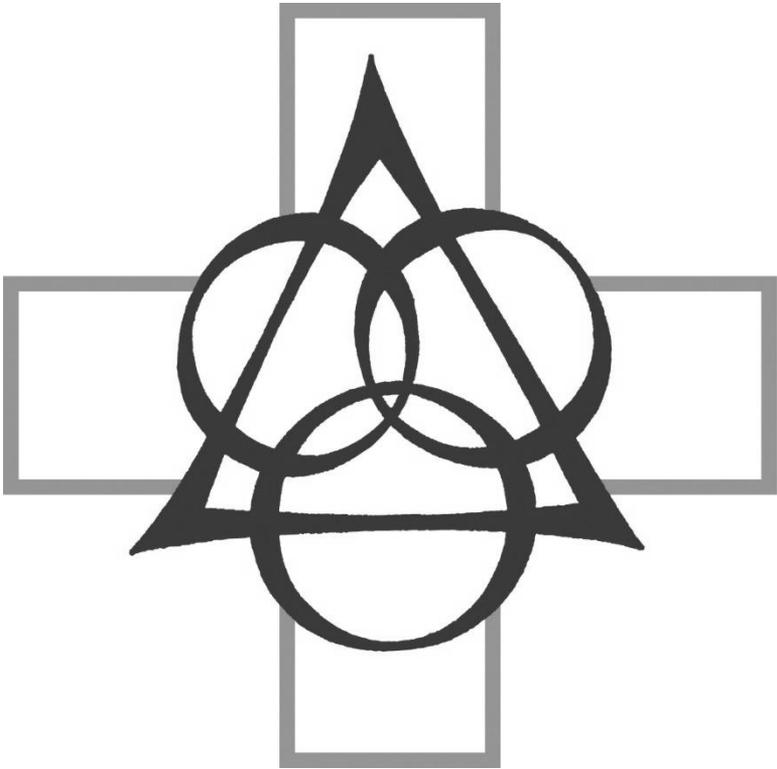


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

The Holy Trinity

Divine Service

Welcome

Opening Song

All Hail

Harrison, Hunt, Evans

VERSE



1. He is ri - sen from the grave, un - de -
men - tion of His name, cap - ti -
glo - ry, robed in light, all sur -
feat - ed, Je - sus reigns. With all po - wer in His
va - ted, all pro - claim. There's no li - mit to His
pass - ing is His might. Christ, our Sa - viour, lift - ed
name, He is o - ver all, He is o - ver
reign, He is o - ver all, He is o - ver
high, He is o - ver all, He is o - ver

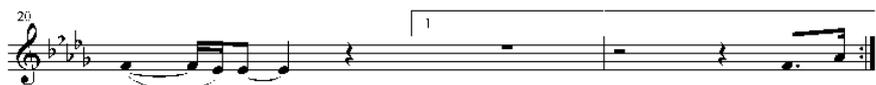
CHORUS

all. 2. At the Christ, su - preme, the
all. O - ver all, Your
na - tions bow, our hearts a - dore as we cry out, } ho -
king - dom reigns, the earth re - sounds with Je - sus' praise, }

NO REPEAT 1

sa - nna in the high - est, Je - sus is the

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great - est

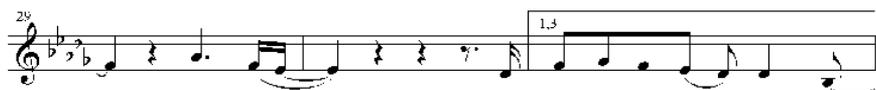
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All praise, all praise



the pow - er of Je - sus' name. All hail,



our Sa - viour the name o - ver ev 'ry name.



All praise name o - ver ev - 'ry name.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Hear us now, O Lord, 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.**

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.**

Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman, Redman

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the
2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where
sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -
world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the des -
Your Name on the road marked with suf -

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ert place, when I walk through the wil -
fer - ing; Though there's pain in the of -

der - ness, bless - ed be Your Name;
fer - ing, bless - ed be Your Name;

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. Bless - ed be the

CHORUS

Name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be the

Name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous Name.

Bless - ed be the You give and take a -

way, You give and take a - way; My heart will choose to

say, "Lord, bless - ed be Your Name", You

bless - ed be Your Name". Bless - ed be the

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9

A Together, we speak Psalm 8 responsively:

¹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C **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

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

- ¹Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
- ²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
- ⁴"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .
- ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
- ²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
- ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
- ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."
⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'
⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'
⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."
⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Athanasian Creed

C **Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords. The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man. ►

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Sit

Song of the Day

This I Believe

Fielding, Crocker

Verse 1, Chorus 1, Verse 2, Chorus 1, Bridge x2, Chorus 1, Chorus 2

Verse 1

1. Our Fath - er ev - er - last - ing the all - cre - a - ting One.

3 God Al - might - y.

5 Through Your Ho - ly Spir - it con - ceiv - ing Christ the Son,

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest for three measures. The third staff starts with a measure rest for five measures.

7 **Chorus** Σ

Je - sus Our Sav - ior. I be - lieve in God our Fath - er.

10 I be - lieve in Christ the Son. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it -

12 Our God is three in one. I be - lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion, -

14 that we will rise a - gain. For I be - lieve in the **2nd X to Coda** Φ

16 name of Je - sus. **Verse 2** (4) 2. Our judge and our de - fen - der

19 suf - fered and cru - ci - fied. For - give - ness is in You.

22 Des - cend - ed in - to dark - ness You rose in - glo - ri - ous light.

24 For - ev - er seat - ed high. name of Je - sus. I be - lieve in You. **D.S. al Coda** Φ **CODA** Φ **Bridge**

29 I be - lieve You rose a - gain. I be - lieve that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

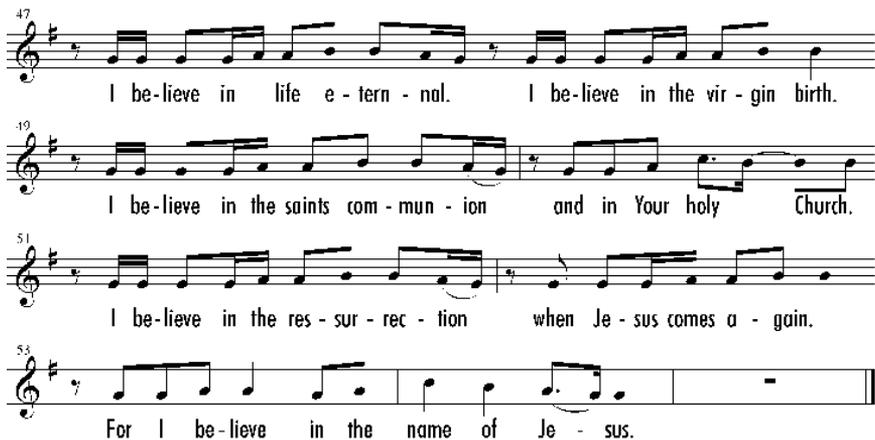
31 I be - I be - lieve in God the Fath - er.

39 I be - lieve in Christ the Son. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it.

41 Our God is three in one. I be - lieve in the res - sur - rec - tion,

43 that we will rise a - gain. For I be - lieve in the name of Je - sus. (2)

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47 I be-lieve in life e - tern - nal. I be-lieve in the vir - gin birth.

49 I be-lieve in the saints com - mun - ion and in Your holy Church.

51 I be-lieve in the res - sur - rec - tion when Je - sus comes a - gain.

53 For I be-lieve in the name of Je - sus.

Sermon

Stand

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.

C Amen.

- P** 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

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

Be Unto Your Name

DeShazo, Sadler

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x3

VERSE

We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er,
We are the bro - ken, You are the heal -
er, er, Lord of the a - ges,
Je - sus, Re - deem - er,
God be - fore time; We are a va -
might - y to save; You are the love -
por, You are e - ter - nal,
song we'll sing for - ev - er,
Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on
bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your

CHORUS

high. Ho - ly,
name.
ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y,
worth - y is the Lamb Who was slain;

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26
High - est prais - es hon - or and glo - ry

30
be un - to Your name.

34
1.
be un - to Your name.

38 2.
name. Ho - ly, ho - ly

42
Lord God Al-might - y, worth - y is the

46
Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es,

50
hon - or, and glo - ry be un - to Your

54
1.
name, be un - to Your name.

60 2.
name. be-un - to your name.

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THE HOLY TRINITY

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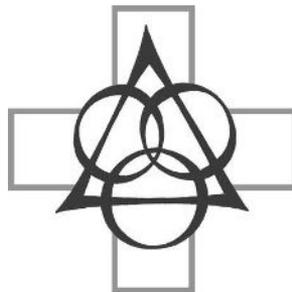
Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

John 8:48–59

The Triune God Reveals Himself in Christ Jesus

The divine Word of the Father also is the holy wisdom who *“was beside him, like a master workman,”* who *“was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always”* (Prov. 8:30). This Word became flesh and suffered death in order to bestow life by the preaching of His Gospel *“to the children of man”* (Prov. 8:4). He honors the Father, and the Father glorifies Him by raising Him from the dead, so that all who keep His Word *“will never see death”* (John 8:51). Long ago, *“father Abraham rejoiced”* in the day of Christ, for *“he saw it and was glad”* (John 8:56). Though Christ was *“crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men,”* *“God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death”* (Acts 2:23, 24). As He *“received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:33), so it is by and through the Son that God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church.



Readings

Isaiah 65:1–9

Galatians 3:23–4:7

Luke 8:26–39

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands *"to a rebellious people"* (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living *"among the tombs"* (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in *"the fullness of time"* (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, *"you are no longer a slave, but a son"* (Gal. 4:7).

