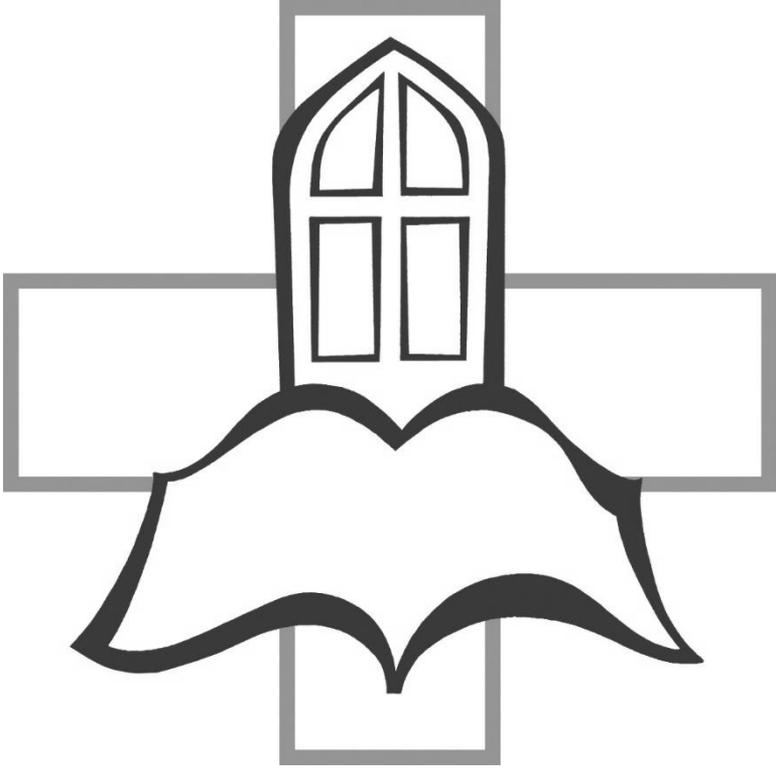


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Rally Day 2025-2026

Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my 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.

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Handbell Prelude

“Blessed Assurance”

Knapp, Eithun

Welcome

Opening Song

Rising

Baloche, Redman

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

From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name
of the Lord be praised; From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun
goes down let the Name of the Lord be praised. 1. We've
(2. We're)

§ VERSE

gath-ered to wor - ship, be - com - ing a choir to sing
gath-ered to go out to cit - ies and towns; We'll take
Your praise; Lift - ing our voi - ces,
Your Name in - to the na - tions,
join - ing our hearts in this house to - day, peo - ple of God,
shin - ing Your light in the dark - est place; Peo - ple of God,
in the pow - er of God, for the King - dom of God,
in the pow - er of God, for the King - dom of God,

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23 TO CODA $\text{\textcircled{C}}$
CHORUS

we sing, From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name
we live.

36 of the Lord be praised; From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun

29 goes down let the Name of the Lord be praised; From the sky

32 to the depths, from the east to the west

35 we give You praise. 1

40 we give You praise 2

2. We're
D.S. al Coda

43 CODA ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name

45 of the Lord be praised. 1,2,3 From the ris 4

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the \textcross Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

Rend The Heavens

Mark

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

VERSE

1. This day we call up - on_ the_ liv - ing_ Lord and
seek Your mer - cy and Your grace;
How we, as a na - tion, have turned our face a - way_ from You_

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'VERSE' and contains the lyrics '1. This day we call up - on_ the_ liv - ing_ Lord and'. The second staff continues with 'seek Your mer - cy and Your grace;'. The third staff begins with 'How we, as a na - tion, have turned our face a - way_ from You_'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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7
and fol-lowed oth-er ways; May we see You as You are,

11
man - i - fest - ed, glo - ri - ous power, Lord Je - sus.

13 **CHORUS**
Rend the Heav - ens and come down in Your maj - es - ty come

15
down, in Your mer - cy, Lord, come down up - on us;

17
Clothe Your-self in robes of grace; You are wel - come in this

19
place where the saints are gath-ered for Your wor-ship, Lord.

23 **VERSE**
2. Not for our gain, but for the glo - ry of Your

25
Name we gath - er 'round Your throne;

27
And in hum-ble a-do-ra-tion plead for this gen - er - a - tion,

29
Je - sus, let Your name be known;

31
May they see You as You are,

33
man - i - fest - ed glo - ri - ous power, Lord Je - sus. **(TO CHORUS)**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

A Together, we speak Psalm 1 responsively:

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

**⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Choir

“Sing It!”

LeDoux

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a

foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

Sit

Song of the Day

Everlasting God

Brown, Riley

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The first two staves are marked with '(4)' above them, indicating a four-measure rest. The third staff begins the 'VERSE' section with the lyrics 'Strength will rise as we wait'. The following staves contain the lyrics: 'up - on the Lord. We will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait', 'up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait', 'up - on the Lord. We will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait', 'up - on the Lord. Je - sus You reign for - ev', 'er; our Hope, our strong De - liv 'rer.', 'CHORUS 1' (marked with a cross symbol) 'You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -', and 'er - last - ing God. You do not faint, You won't grow'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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25 wear - y. You're the de - fend - er of the

28 weak. You com - fort those in need. You lift

31 us up on wings like ea - gles. *3rd 35 to Coda* \oplus **Interlude (3)**

35 Je - sus You reign for - ev - er; our Hope, our strong

40 De - liv - - - rer. wings like ea - gles. *D.S. al Coda* \oplus \oplus CODA

Sermon



Installation of Sunday School Teachers, Preschool Teachers,
Catechists, and Other Instructors in the Faith

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.



ho-ly Lord, I put my trust in Your great pow-er;
ho-ly Lord, You are my shield, You're my de-fend-er;



Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, my sal-
Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, when troub-le

CHORUS:



va-tion is in Your hands. O Je-sus, Your
comes You will cov-er me.



faith-ful-ness is to me a might-y for-tress,



I re-joice in Your love, I re-joice in Your love,



O Je-sus, Your vic-to-ry



is the truth that sets me free I re-joice in Your love,



I re-joice in Your love,

BRIDGE — SOLO

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Resources for Meditation this Week

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 September 2025

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11–24

1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17

Luke 15:1–10

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to "display his perfect patience" (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep "from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He "will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak" (Ezek. 34:16), and "they shall no longer be a prey" (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who "shall feed them and be their shepherd" (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, "having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them," would "leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it" (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, "the angels of God" and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

