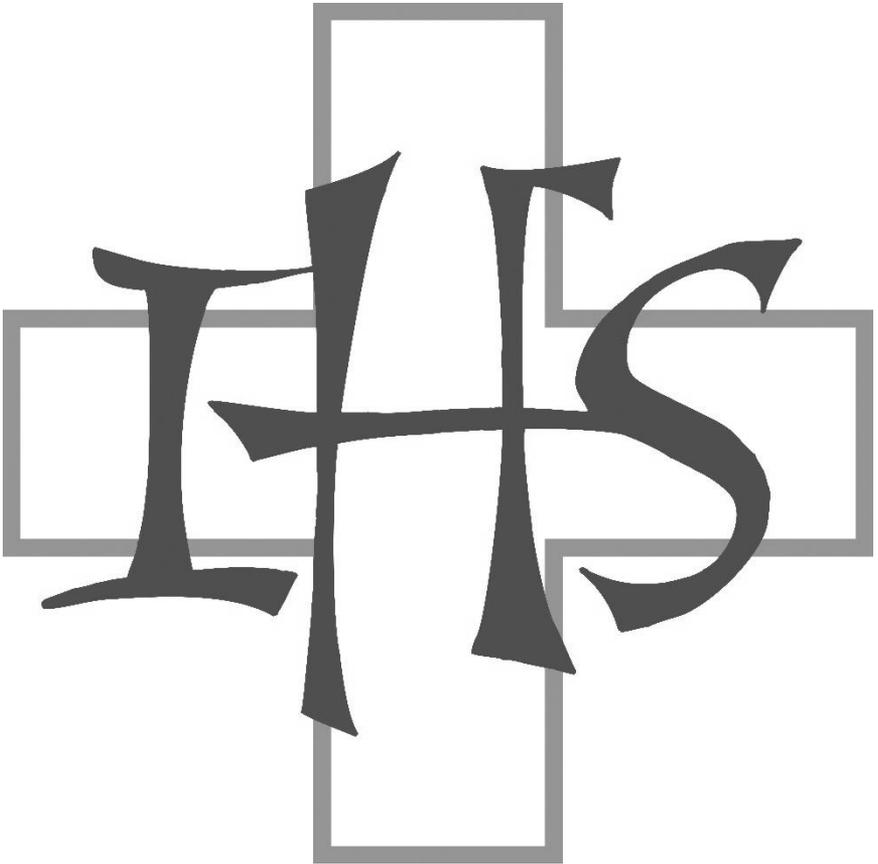


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

*September 28, 2025 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1*

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*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.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## 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.*

# St. Michael and All Angels

Divine Service, Setting Three

## Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

## Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

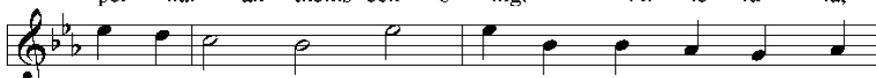
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1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



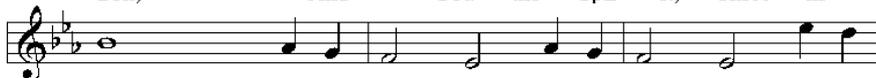
ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - cr of the e - ter - nal  
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

Psalm 91; antiphon: v. 11



**A** Together, we sing Psalm 91 responsively:

**A** <sup>11</sup>*For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

<sup>2</sup>**I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust."**

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find | refuge;\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>**nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes at | noontday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your | right hand,\*  
but it will not come | near you.

<sup>8</sup>**You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**14** "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;\*  
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

**15** When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.

**16** With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation."

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**A** <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

## Kyrie

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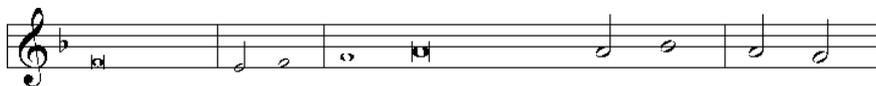
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



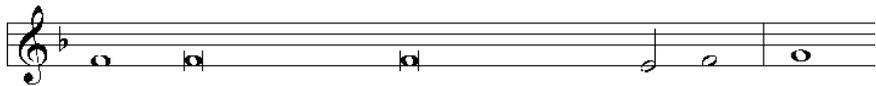
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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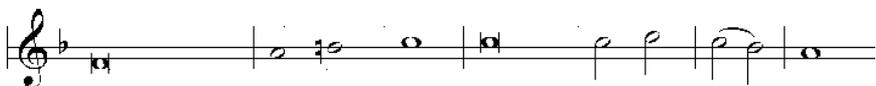
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . ."

<sup>1</sup>"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*Shackley*

## Epistle

Revelation 12:7–12

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:17–20

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

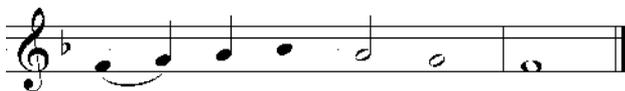


**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and

nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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**G** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day

## We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were plac'd in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deem'd by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end.



Your maj-es-sy and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pen'd heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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# Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- 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,  
**G** **hear our prayer.**

**G** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**G** **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.

**G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

# Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

LSB 520



1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,  
2 These are Your min - is - ters, these are Your own,  
3 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid - space,  
4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,



An - gels in heav - en, re - splen - dent in light,  
Lord God of Sab - a - oth, near - est Your throne;  
Then, when the plan - ets first sped on their race,  
Lord of an - gel - ic hosts, bat - tling for right,

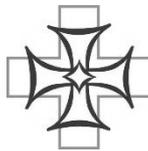


These, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,  
These are Your mes - sen - gers, these whom You send,  
Then, when were end - ed the six days' em - ploy,  
Till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,



Praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but Him,  
Help - ing Your help - less ones, Help - er and Friend.  
Then all the sons of God shout - ed for joy.  
We with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 September 2025

### Readings

Amos 6:1–7

1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

### ***Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches***

*"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried"* (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be *"in anguish"* (Luke 16:25). Therefore, *"woe to those who are at ease in Zion"* (Amos 6:1), for *"the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away"* (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged *"not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,"* but *"to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share"* (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and *"a root of all kinds of evils"* (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has *"great gain"* in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).



**Readings**

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:1–10

***We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness***

We are surrounded by *"destruction and violence"* (Hab. 1:3) because the Law *"is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth"* (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, *"the righteous shall live by his faith"* (Hab. 2:4). *"Temptations to sin are sure to come"* (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus *"increase our faith"* (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His *"unworthy servants"* (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, *"by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings *"life and immortality to light"* (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, *"follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,"* by which He guards you *"in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 1:13).

