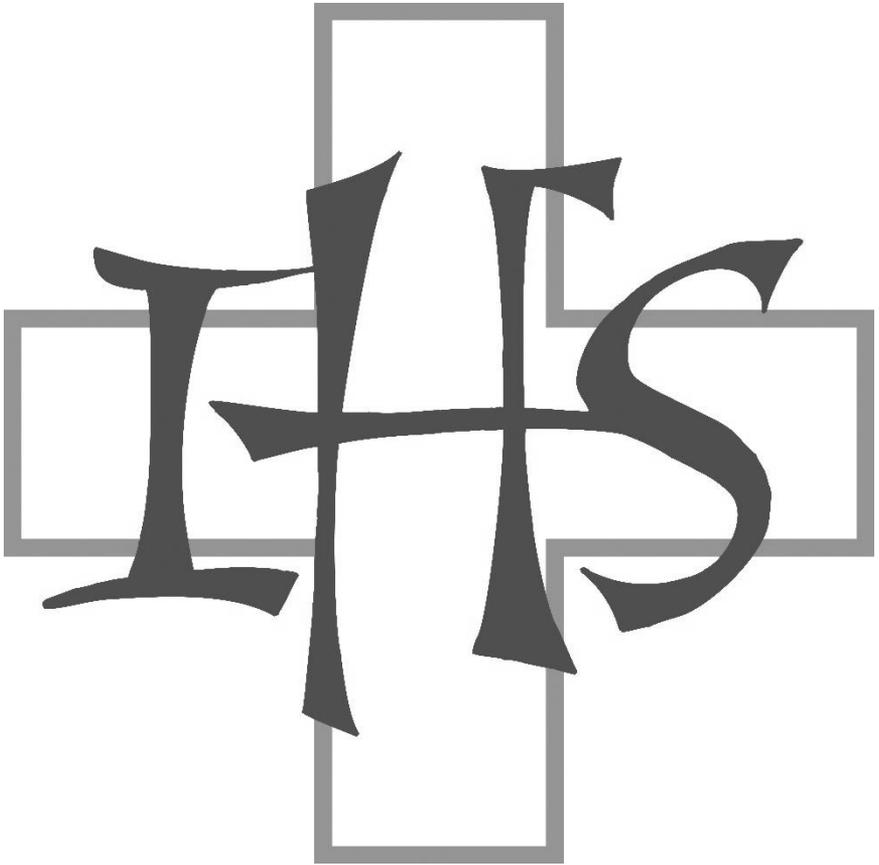


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

*October 5, 2025 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.

I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I praise you  
for your just and righteous decrees.

Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.

My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.

## 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.*

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service

Welcome

### Opening Song

Prepare The Way

Evans, Nuzum

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. He has come  
2. He has come

to bring light in - to the dark -  
to bring hope to the hope -

ness; He has come  
less; He has come to bring to

free - dom to the cap - tives; He has come to re -  
com - fort all who mourn; He has come to

store the bro - ken - heart - ed; It's time to pro -  
heal our ev - 'ry sick - ness; It's time to pro -

CHORUS

claim the year of the Lord. Pre - pare the way,  
claim the year of the Lord.

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19 pre-prepare the way for our Re-deem-

22 er; Pre-prepare the way, pre-prepare the way

25 for our Re-stor-er; Make ready your heart, make

28 ready your home, make ready the people of

30 1 God; Pre-prepare the way, 2. He has come

35 2 God; Pre-prepare the way, 3 God; Pre-prepare the way.

## 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** 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

## Song

## Only By Grace

*Gustafson*

*Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse*

1 On - ly by grace can we en - - - ter

3 on - ly by grace can we stand,

5 not by our hu - man en - deav - - - or,

7 but by the blood of the Lamb;

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9  
in - to Your pres - ence You call us. You

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. *Fine*

28 Coda  
now by Your grace we come.

30  
Now by Your grace we come,

32  
now by Your grace we come. *Fine*

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 1*

**A** Together, we speak Psalm 62 responsively:

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in falsehood.  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,



<sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.  
For you will render to a man  
according to his work.

**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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by  
Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those  
things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful  
mercy; 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

*Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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

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

## Epistle

*2 Timothy 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

<sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day

what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

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

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 17:1–10*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

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

## Nicene Creed

- ☐ 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

# How Long

Townend

VERSE

1. We have sung our songs of vic - t'ry, we have  
2. Lord, we know Your heart is bro - ken by the  
3. But I know a day is com - ing when the

prayed to You for rain; We have  
e - vil that You see, and You've  
deaf will hear His voice; When the

cried for Your com - pas - sion to re -  
stayed Your hand of judg - ment for You  
blind will see their Sav - iour, and the

new the land a - gain. Now we're  
plan to set men free. But the  
lame will leap for joy. When the

stand - ing in Your pres - ence, more  
land is still in dark - ness, and we've  
wid - ow finds a hus - band who will

hun - gry than be - fore, Now we're  
fled from what is right; We have  
al - ways love his bride, and the

on Your steps of mer - cy, and we're  
failed the si - lent chil - dren who will  
or - phan finds a fa - ther who will

CHORUS

knock - ing at Your door. 1, 2 How long be - fore You  
nev - er see the light. 3 How long be - fore Your  
nev - er leave her side.

drench the bar - ren land? How long be - fore we  
glo - ry lights the skies? How long be - fore Your

see Your right - eous hand? How long be - fore Your  
 ra - diance lifts our eyes? How long be - fore Your  
 name is lift - ed high? How long be - fore the  
 fra - grance fills the air? How long be - fore the  
 weep - ing turns to songs of joy?  
 earth re - sounds with songs of joy?

## Sermon

### 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,  
**G** hear our prayer.

**G** Amen.

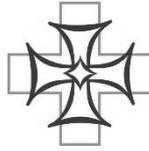
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.
- C** Amen.



## Song

## Unto You

Getty, Townend

Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Tag

**Chorus**

John Chisum

Am/C Gm/C F B<sup>b</sup>/F F C/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

Un-to You, Who dwells in the heav - ens,

B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>6 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C C F

I lift up my eyes, I lift up my eyes;

B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup>/C Gm/C F B<sup>b</sup>/F F

Un - to You, Who lives for -

C/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>6 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C C

ev - er I lift up my eyes. I lift up my

**Verse**

F F<sup>2</sup>/A F/A<sub>3</sub> B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> C/B<sup>b</sup>

eyes. Just as a ser - vant waits  
Your ten - der mer - cies, Lord

*Last time To Coda*

Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> 3 3 3 Gm<sup>7</sup>

at his mas - ters hand, so, Lord my spir - it  
nev - er have an end, my heart will ev - er

Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C F<sup>2</sup>

waits trust for in You; You;

F/A 3 3 3 B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> C/B<sup>b</sup>

More than the watch - men for the morn - ing or the  
How ex - cel - lent Your lov - ing - kind - ness. how

Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> 3 3 3 Gm<sup>7</sup> F/G

hun - gry for their bread, my heart is turned to  
rich Your faith - ful - ness, — for it reach - es

F<sup>2</sup>/A B<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>2/C Am/C D.S. al Coda Gm/C

You, O Lord. Un - to  
to the clouds

♯Coda F Fine

eyes.



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5 October 2025

### 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).



**Readings**

Ruth 1:1–19a

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Luke 17:11–19

***Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus***

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. *“Go and show yourselves to the priests,”* for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is *“at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks”* (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you *“find rest, each of you in the house of her husband”* (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has *“visited his people and given them food”* (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. *“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead”* (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely *“the word of God is not bound”* (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted *“to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”* (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you *“may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

