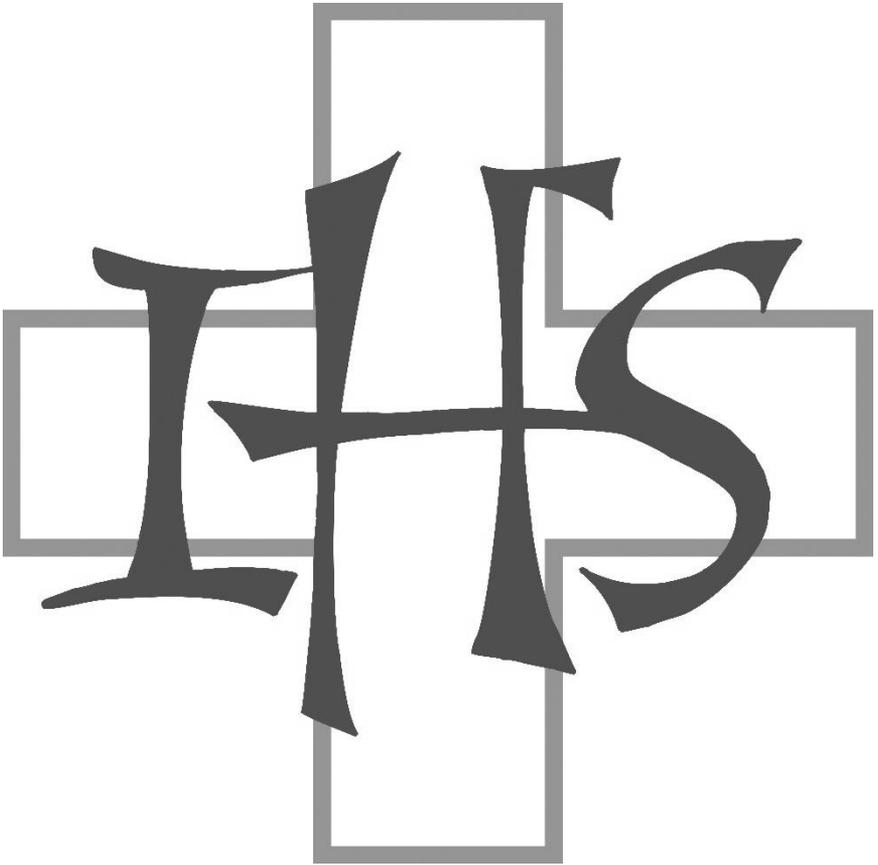


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

*November 16, 2025 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

## 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-third Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

**Opening Song**

The Solid Rock

Harris

Chorus, Verse, Chorus

CHORUS  
% Worship Leader Congregation

You're the sol - id Rock\_ on which I stand, You're the  
sol - id Rock\_ on which I stand, You  
are the Christ, the ris - en Lamb, You  
are the Christ, the ris - en Lamb; The  
Lamb Who sits\_ up - on\_ the throne, the  
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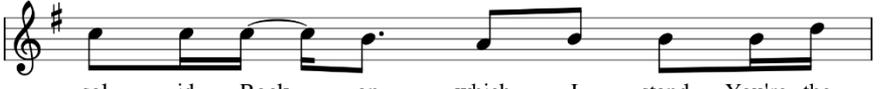


praise You now, O, ris - en Lamb, I



praise You now, O, ris - en Lamb, the

W. L.



sol - id Rock on which I stand, You're the

Cong.



sol - id Rock on which I stand; The

Fine



sol - id Rock on which I stand.

VERSE All



Day af - ter day I will praise Your name,



in ev - 'ry - thing I will be glad; For



by Your grace You saved me, and

D.C. al Fine  
W. L.



on Your ev - ry word I will de-pend. You're the

# 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.**

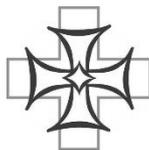
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**





20  
 pow-er of the cross. It's a mir - a - cle to me, —

23  
 CONGREGATION SOLO  
 (it's a mir - a - cle to me,) and it's still a mys - ter - y,

25  
 CONGREGATION  
 (and it's still a mys - ter - y.) it's a mir - a - cle to me, —

27  
 D.S. al Coda  
 the pow - er of God, — for those who be - lieve. —

30  
 CODA  
 pow - er of the cross. —

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 9b*

- A** Together, we speak Psalm 98 responsively:

*He will judge the world with righteousness,  
 and the peoples with equity.*

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
 for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm  
 have worked salvation for him.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his salvation;  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
 to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
 the salvation of our God.

**4Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**6With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

**8Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together**

<sup>9</sup>before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

**G 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.**

*He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.*

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping

like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

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

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

## Epistle

*2 Thessalonians 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**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** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns *LSB 348*



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings,



When beau - ty gilds the east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakes,  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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**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,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**C** **Amen.**

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

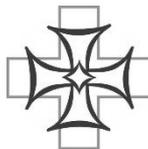
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us 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**

**He Will Come And Save You**

*Fitts, Sadler*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Tag*

"Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'" Isaiah 35:4

**VERSE**

1. Say to those who are fear - ful - heart - ed, —  
 2. Say to those who are bro - ken - heart - ed, —

"do not — be a - fraid; — The Lord, your God, is strong —  
 "do not — lose your faith; — The Lord, your God, is strong —

— with His might - y arm, — when you call on His name." —  
 — with His lov - ing arms, — when you call on His name." —

He will come and save. — He will come and  
 He will come and save. — He will come and

**CHORUS**

save — you. — He will come and save — you; —

— Say to the wea - ry one, "your God will sure -

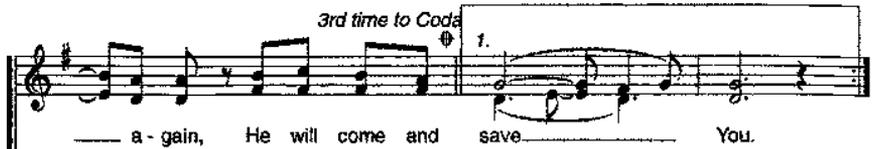
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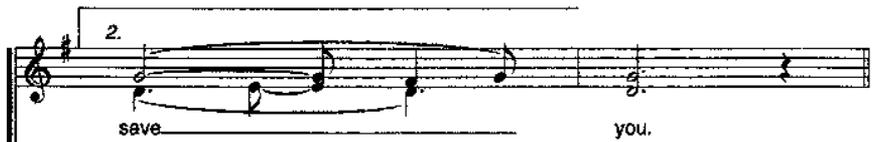
save you, He will come and save you;



Lift up your eyes to Him, you will arise



a gain, He will come and save You.



save you.

**BRIDGE**



He is our refuge in the day of trouble, He is our shelter in the



time of storm; He is our tower in the day of sorrow our



fortress in the time of war. He will come and

♠ Coda

*Fine*



save you.

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### TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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#### Readings

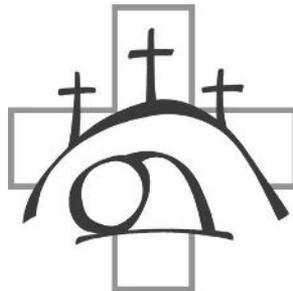
Exodus 3:1–15

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

Luke 20:27–40

#### ***The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection***

Christians live as *"sons of God, being sons of the resurrection"* (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God *"is not God of the dead, but of the living"* (Luke 20:38). *"Those who deny that there is a resurrection"* (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know *"that the dead are raised"* (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel's sufferings and has *"come down to deliver them"* (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God's chosen people, by which He is *"remembered throughout all generations"* (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who *"takes his seat in the temple of God"* (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine *"with the breath of his mouth"* (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, *"stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught"* (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God's promise of love, comfort and good hope.



**Readings**

Malachi 4:1–6

2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13

Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

***God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence***

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. *"There will be great distress upon the earth"* (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that *"the kingdom of God is near"* (Luke 21:31). Therefore, *"straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which *"will not pass away"* (Luke 21:33). For you, *"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings"* (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah *"before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes"* (Mal. 4:5), in order to *"direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, *"the Lord is faithful,"* and by the preaching of His Word *"he will establish you and guard you against the evil one"* (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, *"do not grow weary in doing good"* (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

