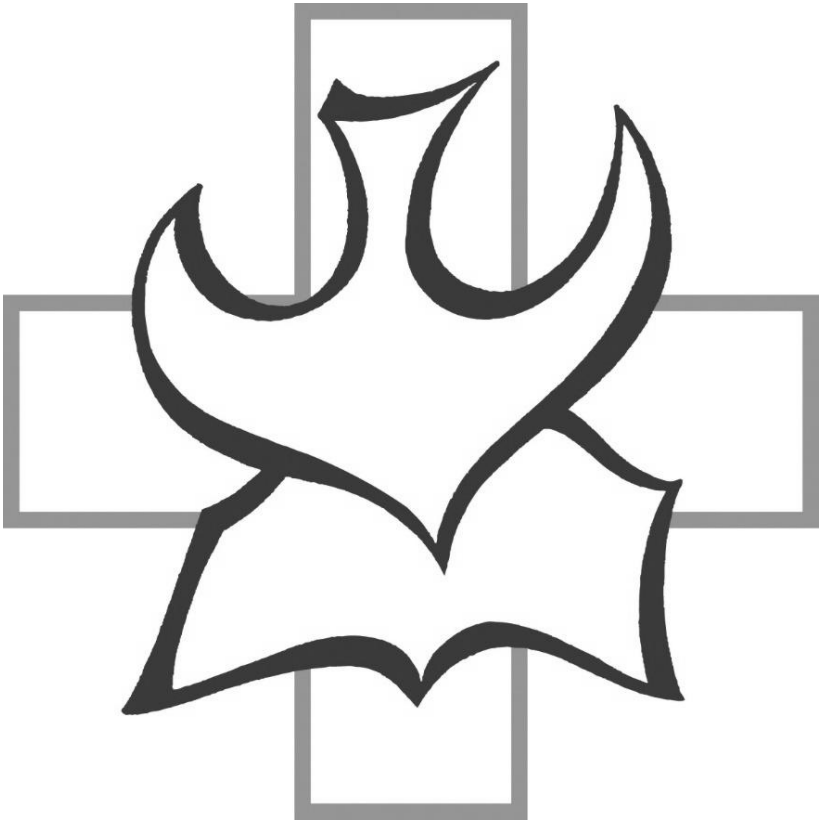


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

*June 14, 2026 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 67:4-7; antiphon: v. 3*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!  
*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.*  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

## Communion Theology and Practice

Please see our statement of Communion Theology and Practice  
on the back page of the worship bulletin.

*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.*

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service

Welcome

Stand

Song

Everlasting God

Brown, Riley

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

(4) (4) **VERSE**

Strength will rise as we wait  
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. Je - sus You reign for - ev  
er; our Hope, our strong De - liv 'rer.

**CHORUS**

You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev  
er - last - ing God. You do not faint, You won't grow  
wear - y. You're the de - fend - er of the  
weak. You com - fort those in need. You lift

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31 us up on wings like ea - gles. <sup>3rd X to Coda</sup> Interlude (3)

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

40 De - liv - - - 'rer. wings like ea - gles. <sup>1.D.S. al Coda</sup> CODA

## Confession and Absolution

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

Stand

**Song**

Resound in Praise

*Funk*

*Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2*

**Verse**

We've been cre - at - ed as kings and priests, to  
 wor - ship Your roy - al - ty; To pro - claim Your awe - some,  
 might - y works, Your ex - cel - lence for all to see.  
 Heav - en and earth re - flect Your glo - ry, the  
 sun, moon, and stars give You praise; You are the great and might  
 - y God, for - ev - er Your king - dom will reign  
 will reign.

*D D2F# G2 Asus*

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## Chorus

Let the sanc-tu - ar - y be filled with Your glo - ry, we  
lift our voic - es up in praise;  
Let the sanc-tu - ar - y be filled with Your glo - ry, each  
in - stru - ment re - sound in praise. 1. 2. praise. praise.

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 5*

**A** Together, we speak Psalm 100 responsively:

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup>**For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**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.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets  
You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to  
believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 19:2-8*

<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

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



## Epistle

*Romans 5:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

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

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:35—10:20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup>Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup>And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

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

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

**☩ 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

Mighty To Save

Fielding, Morgan

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



1. Ev - 'ry - one needs com - pas - sion, love that's ne - ver fail -  
2. So take\_\_\_ me as You find\_\_\_ me, all my fears and fail -



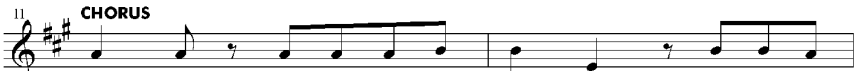
ing. Let mer - cy fall on\_\_\_ me. \_\_\_  
ures. Fill my life a - gain. \_\_\_



Ev - 'ry - one needs for - give - ness, the kind - ness of a Sav -  
I give\_\_\_ my life to foll - ow ev - 'ry thing I be - lieve



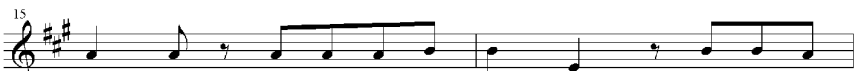
our, the hope of na - tions. \_\_\_  
in. Now I sur - ren - der. \_\_\_



Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is



mighty - y to save,\_\_\_ He is might - y to save. \_\_\_ For -



ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion, He rose and



con - quered the grave,\_\_\_ Je - sus con - quered the grave. \_\_\_



con - quered the grave. \_\_\_



Shine Your light and let the whole world\_\_\_ see. \_\_\_ We're sing - ing



for the glo - ry of the ri - sen\_\_\_ King\_\_\_ Je - sus. King. \_\_\_

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28 **CHORUS**

Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is

30 might - y to save, He is might - y to save. For -

32 ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion, He rose and

34 con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.

36 con - quered the grave.

## 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.

*The response after each petition is as follows:*

- L** Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*Sit*

## Song

My Hope

*Baloche, Kerr, Mellinger, Rabe*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2*

4

1.Noth-ing will change if

5 all the plans I make go wrong; Your love stays the same; Your

8 light will guide me through it all; I'm hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;

11

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11 — 2.Noth- ing can reach the  
 3.You are my Rock when

14 end of all Your faith - ful - ness; Your grace is with me through  
 storms are rag - ing all a - round; You shel - ter me, God; I'm

16 ev - 'ry sha - dow, ev - 'ry test; I'm  
 safe with You on sol - id ground; I'm

17 hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—  
 hang-ing on, I'm lean-ing in to You;—

21 I don't know where You'll— take— me,— but

23 I know You're al - ways good.—— My hope is built on  
 Chorus

26 noth- ing less than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness

29 I will not walk an - oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I

32 trust Your name; I'm hold-ing on,— I'm hold-ing on— to You.

36 1. 4 2. Chorus  
 My hope is built on noth- ing less

43 than Your Great love, Your right-eous-ness I will not walk an-

46 oth - er way; I trust Your heart, I trust Your name; I'm hold - ing on,—

50 I'm hold - ing on— to You.—

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 June 2026

### Readings

Exodus 19:2–8

Romans 5:6–15

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–20)

### ***The Lord Our God Saves Us in Love and Cares for Us by the Ministry of His Gospel***

The holy Triune God *“shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,”* ungodly and at enmity with Him, *“Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9–10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children through *“that one man Jesus Christ”* (Rom. 5:12–17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us *“a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”* (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For *“all that the LORD has spoken”* (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3–4). Nor does He leave us *“harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”* (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority *“to heal every disease and every affliction”* by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, *“the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Matt. 10:7).



**Readings**

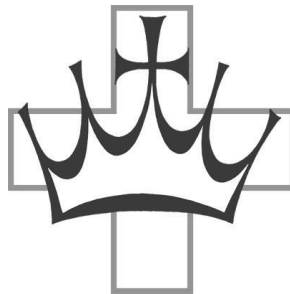
Jeremiah 20:7–13

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

***Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ***

The outcome of sin is death, *“but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you *“from death to life”* (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live *“under grace”* (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of *“those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul”* (Matt. 10:28). For though *“you will be hated by all”* and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers *“even the hairs of your head”* and values you more *“than many sparrows”* (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and *“will be saved”* (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you *“as a dread warrior,”* who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life *“from the hand of evildoers,”* and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).



## Communion Theology and Practice

Welcome! In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Matthew 26:26-28). In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant should examine him or herself and come to the Lord's Table seeking these things. As the Small Catechism teaches, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" We likewise take seriously St. Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 regarding recognizing the Lord's Body and Blood in this sacrament and receiving it worthily. We also believe that Holy Communion is a profession of confessional unity in which all who commune at the Lord's Table are united in their confession and faith (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Therefore, we practice what is often called "closed communion," in which we invite those Christians who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, who share in the same confession of faith as the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe that Jesus offers here His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, for the strengthening of their bodies and souls, cleansing them of their old nature and giving them new life, to join us at His table.

If you are new here, have not been baptized, or have not received instruction with regard to the teachings of the Lutheran Church regarding the Lord's Supper, have doubts about the nature of the sacrament, or have questions, please introduce yourself to our pastor before the service. He will be happy to discuss these things with you and help determine whether or not you should commune. If you do not wish to commune, have not been baptized, or have not been instructed in the Christian faith, we invite you to come receive a blessing. When you come to the altar, please come forward with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like the pastor to bless you. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or wish to be baptized, please speak to our pastor!