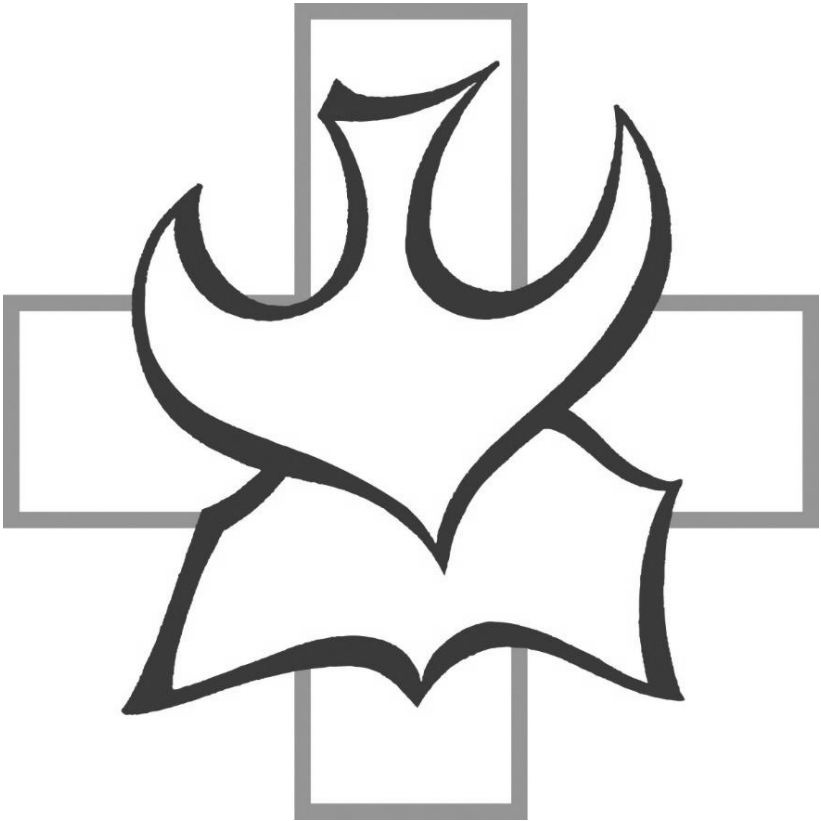


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Order of Worship

June 28, 2026 9:00 AM

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Introit

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
*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.*
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service

Welcome

Stand

Song

Our God Saves

Baloche, Brown

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In the Name of the Fa - ther, in the Name of the Son, in the Name of the Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to - geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace. In the Name of the - grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our of - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your". There are measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 indicated at the start of their respective staves. A repeat sign is present above the 13th measure.

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17
 peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed
 19
 on Your wings, and the world will see that
 21 CHORUS
 Our God saves, our God saves;
 25
 There is hope in Your Name. In the Name of the
 30
 Name; Mourn-ing turns to songs of praise;
 35
 Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the
 41 CODA
 Our God saves; Our God saves; Our God saves. Our God saves.

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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Song

How Great Is Your Goodness

Kerr

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Tag

CHORUS

How great__ is Your good - ness,___ stored up for those__ who fear..

__ You;___ No end__ to the kind - ness___ that

comes from You___ each day,___ We count__ on com - pas -

sion___ in the shei - ter of___ Your pres - ence;___

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Hid-den a-way, hid-den from harm, how great Your love,
 — hid-den a-way, hid-den from harm,
 — how great Your love. *Fine* A ref-
VERSE
 uge so near us, You're faith-
 ful each day; We cry out,
 You hear us, safe in Your arms,
D.S. al Fine
 — shel-tered from harm. How great is Your good-

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 119:153–160; antiphon: v. 154

A Together, we speak Psalm 119 responsively:

RESH

¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me,
 for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause and redeem me;
 give me life according to your promise!**

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked,
 for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your mercy, O LORD;
give me life according to your just decrees.**

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸**I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep your commands.**

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts!
Give me life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰**The sum of your word is truth,
and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures
forever.**

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 God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and

pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

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

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

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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.**

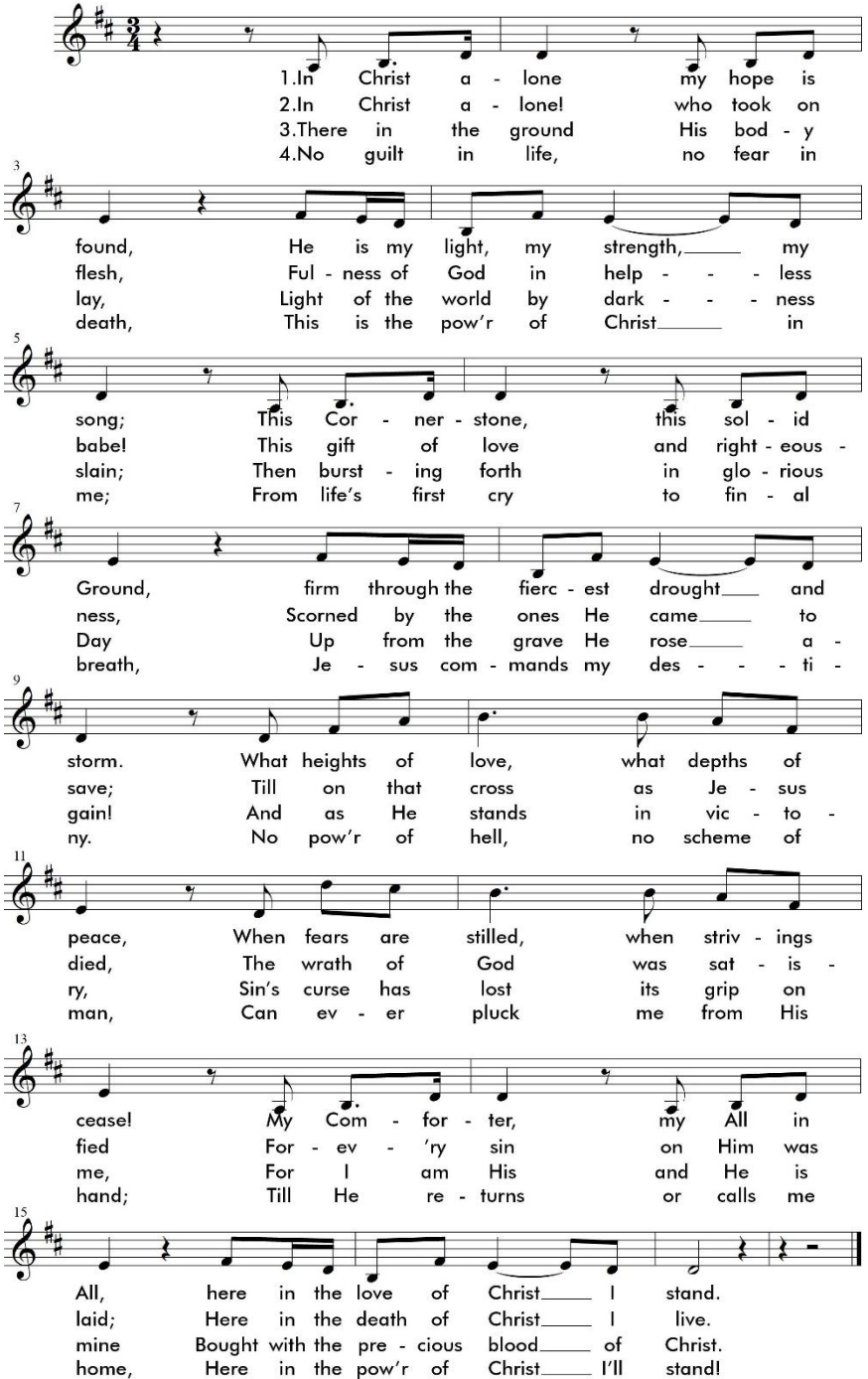
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
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

In Christ Alone

Townend, Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on
 3. There in the ground His bod - y
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in
 found, He is my light, my strength, my
 flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - - - less
 lay, Light of the world by dark - - - ness
 death, This is the pow'r of Christ in
 song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 babel This gift of love and right - eous -
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al
 Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to
 Day Up from the grave He rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - - - ti -
 storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of
 peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 died, The wrath of God was sat - is -
 ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on
 man, Can ev - er pluck me from His
 cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 fied For - ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 me, For I am His and He is
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me
 All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.**

Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hedge, Luther, Walker

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3, Chorus, Verse 4, Chorus

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs No

bul - wark nev - er fail - ing Our help - er
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the
 threat - en to un - do us, We will not
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth, The Spir - it

He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre -
 right man on our side, The man of God's own
 fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph
 and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us

vail - ing For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to
 choos - ing Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus,
 thru us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal

work us woe His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with
 it is He Lord Sab - a - oth His name, From age to
 not for him His rage we can en - dure, For lo, his
 life al - so - The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a -

cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 doom is sure: - One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 bid - eth still: His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Chorus continued on next page

3rd and 4th Times To Bridge BRIDGE

A might - y for - tress A might - y

for - tress is our God.

A might - y for - tress A might - y

for - tress is our God.

D.C. al Fine Fine

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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 June 2026

Readings

Jeremiah 28:5–9

Romans 7:1–13

Matthew 10:34–42

The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken *“war, famine, and pestilence”* (Jer. 28:8). But if *“the LORD has truly sent the prophet,”* he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and *“the word of that prophet comes to pass”* (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, *“sinful beyond measure,”* thereby *“producing death”* in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, *“we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive”* (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong *“to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God”* (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come *“to bring peace, but a sword”* (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and *“loses his life”* for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38–39).



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5 July 2026

Readings

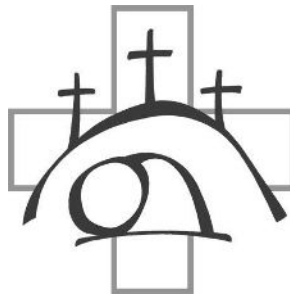
Zechariah 9:9–12

Romans 7:14–25a

Matthew 11:25–30

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *"another law waging war"* in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we *"desire to do what is right,"* but we are not able to do so because *"nothing good"* dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). *"Thanks be to God,"* therefore, *"through Jesus Christ our Lord,"* who delivers us from *"this body of death"* (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes *"righteous and having salvation"* (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us *"free from the waterless pit,"* and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we *"labor and are heavy laden,"* He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are *"wise and understanding,"* but by the *"gracious will"* of God the Father, whom *"the Son chooses to reveal"* in love (Matt. 11:25–27).



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!