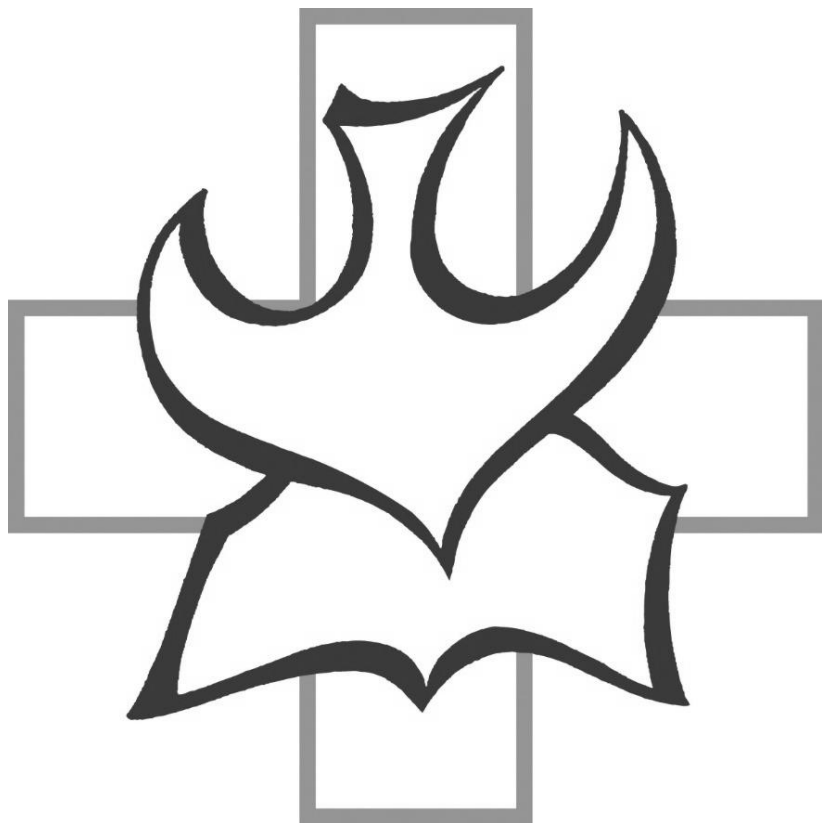


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



## Order of Worship

October 4, 2026 10:45 AM

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## Introit

*Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*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.*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## 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.*

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service

Welcome

*Stand*

**Song**

Let Everything That Has Breath

*Gomez*

*Chorus 1, Verse 1, Chorus 2, Verse 2, Final Chorus*

CHORUS

Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord, \_

and let the liv - ing pro - claim; \_ Let ev - 'ry - thing that has

breath praise the Lord.

Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment sound His praise,

as all His peo - ple a - dore; \_ Let ev - 'ry - thing that has

breath praise the Lord. I will

o - pen up my mouth and He will fill \_ it with praise;

\_ I will mag - ni - fy \_ His name, \_ the

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name that stands a - bove\_\_ all names is Je - sus.

### CHORUS



Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord,\_\_



and let the liv - ing pro - claim;\_\_ Let ev - 'ry - thing that has



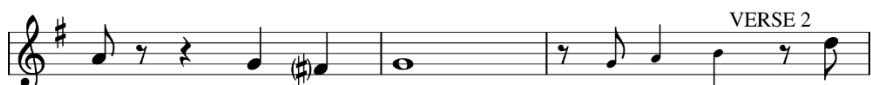
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High sound - ing cym - bals and trum - pets of brass,\_\_



the sound of one\_\_ ac - cord;\_\_ Let ev - 'ry - thing that has



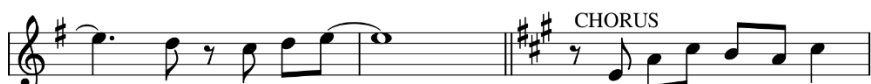
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Lord has put\_\_ a new\_\_ song in my heart; It's a



song of praise to my God,\_\_ and ev - 'ry - one\_\_ who hears



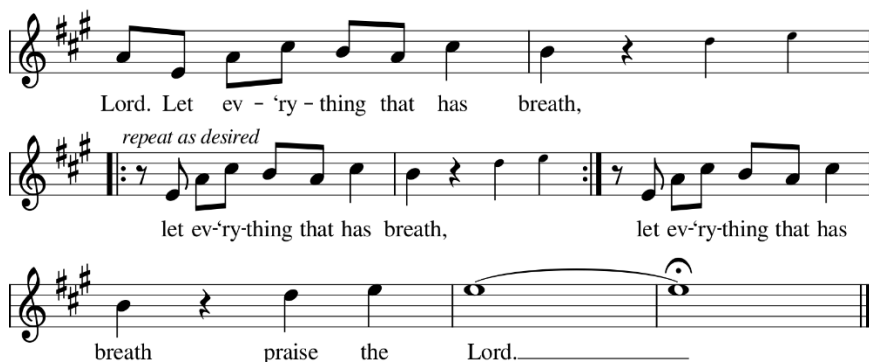
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breath praise the Lord, and let the liv - ing pro - claim;\_\_



Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the



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

**G** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Song**

You Forgave Me

*Goodgame*

*The Congregation joins on the Chorus*

Psalm 32:1-4a, 5 (NLT)

*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."*

*[Chorus – repeated] And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.*

## Service of the Word

**Psalm**

*Psalm 80:7-19*

**A** Together, we speak Psalm 80 responsively:

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

<sup>8</sup>**You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.**

<sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea  
and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup>**Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn again, O God of hosts!  
Look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,**

<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted,  
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

<sup>16</sup>**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

<sup>18</sup>**Then we shall not turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**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.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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

*Isaiah 5:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33–46*

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

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

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants

saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

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**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Song

## Speak, O Lord

*Getty, Townend*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

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light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You

deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your  
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief.  
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## 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

I Rejoice in Your Love

*Sadler*

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

**VERSE:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, You are my strength and  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, You are my God, there

my high tow - er; Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, You're the  
 is no oth - er Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, I will

Rock on which I stand; Ho - ly,  
 hide be - neath You wings, Ho - ly,

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# CHORUS:



# BRIDGE — SOLO

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 October 2026

### Readings

Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

### ***The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts***

*"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "on a very fertile hill" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "choice vines," but also building the "watchtower" of His prophets and hewing out the "wine vat" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "he looked for it to yield grapes," there were only "wild grapes" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "the fruits in their seasons" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "suffered the loss of all things" in order to "gain Christ and be found in him," to "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:8–10).*



**Readings**

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

***Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast***

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).



## 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!