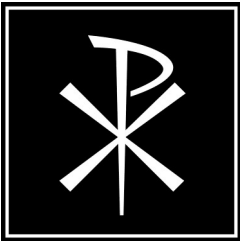




Divine Service

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

June 23, 2013

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

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DIVINE SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

#536

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

~Please stand

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

(L)eader: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
(C)ongregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

Silence for personal confession and reflection

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY ~ Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

“Kyrie” is the Greek word for “Lord.” The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest responses in the Christian church.

GLORY BE TO GOD ~ Gloria in Excelsis

1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone; The

name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We
 your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For
 take all hu - man sin a - way. Have
 Fath - er's glo - ry you made known. We

praise you for your peace and grace, Your
 all, O Fath - er, you have done Through
 mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer; From
 by your Spir - it sing a - gain: “All

fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 glo - ry be to God!” A - men.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray:

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~Please be seated



This stunning prophetic poem pictures Christ as the Shepherd who suffers God's wrath on our behalf, and believers as the "one-third" who call on the Lord despite trials and hardships.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 13:7-9 (pg. 1485)

- ⁷ "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who is close to me!"
declares the LORD Almighty.
"Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.
- ⁸ In the whole land," declares the LORD,
"two-thirds will be struck down and perish;
yet one-third will be left in it.
- ⁹ This third I will bring into the fire;
I will refine them like silver
and test them like gold.
They will call on my name
and I will answer them;
I will say, 'They are my people,'
and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
**Why are you so far from saving me,
 so far from the words of my groaning?**
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried to you and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by men and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me;
 they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- 8 **“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
 Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**
- 11 Do not be far from me,
**for trouble is near
 and there is no one to help.**
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 Dogs have surrounded me;
**a band of evil men has encircled me,
 they have pierced my hands and my feet.**
- 18 They divide my garments among them
 and cast lots for my clothing.
- 19 **But you, O LORD, be not far off;
 O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**

This great messianic Psalm takes us to Golgotha and the anguish endured by our Good Shepherd that we might be in his flock forever.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29 (pg. 1813)

²³ Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

No matter what your race, gender, or social status, recognizing Christ in faith makes you a member of the family of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 4:6

The congregation will sing the “Alleluia” refrain both before and after the verse. The Pastor will sing the verse.

Refrain. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Refrain.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:18-24 (pg. 1609)

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

Jesus told his disciples of his coming suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter’s clear confession of Christ is a wonderful example for us.

~Please stand

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

²⁰“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

²¹Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²²And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

²³Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

~Please be seated

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM

Siyahamba

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children’s message.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children’s church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

How Firm a Foundation

See insert

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your
 not dis - mayed; For I am your
 for re - pose I will not, I
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
 God and will still give you aid; I'll
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



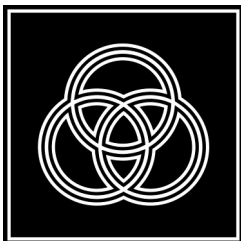
more can he say than to you
 strength - en you, help you, and cause
 soul, though all hell should en - deav -
 flames will not hurt you; I on -
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the
 you to stand, Up - held by my
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
 ly de - sign Your dross to con -
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sume and your gold to re - fine.
 still on my shoul - ders be borne."



Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.

Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

*The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and earth, of every time in history.

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.

NICENE CREED

~Please stand

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~Please be seated

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

~Please stand

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



PREFACE

- L: The Lord be with you.
 C: And also with you.
 L: Lift up your hearts.
 C: We lift them up to the Lord.
 L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
 C: It is good and right so to do.
 L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ Sanctus

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
 he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
 set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
 va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
 liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

“Sanctus” means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Jesus took bread and
"gave thanks" (Matthew
26:26).*

L: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

LAMB OF GOD ~ *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

~Please be seated



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON ~ *Nunc Dimittis*

The "Nunc Dimittis" ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

~Please stand

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

L: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C: Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

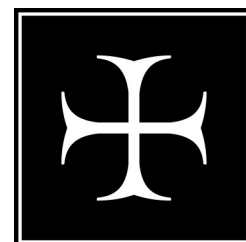
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

~Please be seated



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

CLOSING HYMN

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds



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