



**WE CALL ON ONE NAME**

*AUGUST 27, 2017*



## WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH!







Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here! 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 Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

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# TODAY'S WORSHIP

## We Call on One Name

August 27th, 2017

Sometimes before you can move forward, you have to take a step back to get everyone on the same page. Every fall we see it on the football field. It's just as true for the church. before sending the church out into the world, Jesus reminded them of what Christianity was all about, and, as a result, what they had to offer. This week we see that Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall. The name of the Lord is not just a title that distinguishes the true God from false gods, it is the very definition and who he is. By confessing the name of the Christ, Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## FOR FAMILIES

**Children's Activity Sheets** give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for today's service. 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. Children's Church is located in Room 3 and will be on your right as you exit the sanctuary.

# TODAY'S WORSHIP



**HYMN | #540** *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

## INVOCATION

**Invocation:**

*This comes from the latin "invoco" which describes the act of calling upon or asking for help or support. As we begin our worship, we call on the name of the triune God, who is our ever-present help and strength and in whose name we were baptized. The sign of the cross then reminds worshipers of their baptisms.*

*~Please stand*

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

**C**ongregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**The Confession and Forgiveness of Sins:**

*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** Since we are gathered to worship God and to have our faith fed through Word and Sacrament, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for personal confession and reflection*

**L** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

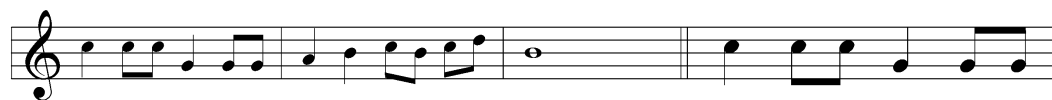
## Worship Notes

 In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## GLORY BE TO GOD | *Gloria in Excelsis*

### Hymn of Praise:

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.



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## SALUTATION

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated*

### Worship Notes

#### **Salutation:**

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

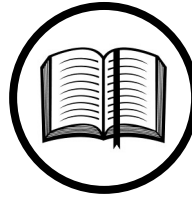
### **Worship Notes**

We sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary did, to hear The Word (Luke 10:42). Here is time for meditating, reflecting, strengthening, forgiveness, instruction, and response.

### **First Reading:**

The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts.

# THE WORD



## **FIRST READING | Exodus 34:5-9 (pg. 141)**

*God identifies himself to the Israelites, and to us, by name.*

<sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

<sup>8</sup>Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. <sup>9</sup>"O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes," he said, "then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## PSALM OF THE DAY | Psalm 138



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**The choir will introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the song.  
The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as indicated.**

Choir: Refrain.

**Congregation: Refrain.**

*I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels, I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. **Refrain.***

*I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams.  
On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul. **Refrain.***

*All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice.  
And all shall sing of your ways: "How great is the glory of God!" **Refrain.***

## SECOND READING | Romans 10:5-13 (pg. 1760)

*Through the Israelites, God made his name known to all people.*

<sup>5</sup> Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: <sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

### Worship Notes

#### Psalm:

Along with the Old Testament believers we respond to God's gracious promises in the word and song of the Psalms. The singing of the Psalm, while connecting believers of both the Old and New Testament Ages, also connects today's readings.

#### Second Reading:

The Second Reading is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Verse of the Day:**

The Verse of the Day is a verse, often times from the New Testament, that echoes or reinforces the theme or tone of the focus of today's worship service.

**Gospel:**

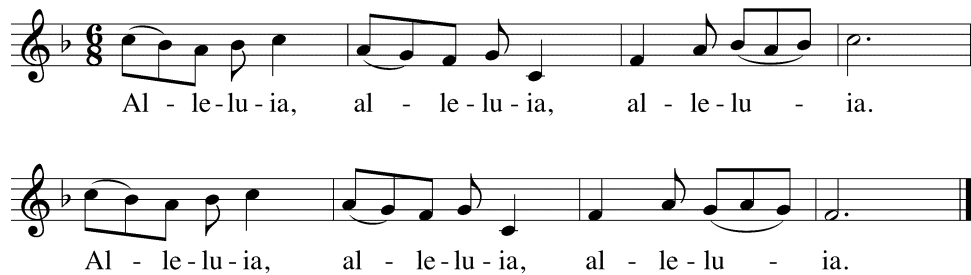
The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel.

The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.

**VERSE OF THE DAY | 1 Timothy 1:10**

~Please stand

Refrain



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**C Refrain.**

**L** Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**C Refrain.**

**GOSPEL | Matthew 16:13-20 (pg. 1524)**

**L** The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 16.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



*Peter confesses Jesus' name as the true and living God.*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



~Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

HYMN OF THE DAY | #531 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

SERMON | *Exodus 34:5-9*

Worship Notes

**Children’s Message:**

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

**Children’s Church:**

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

**Hymn of the Day:**

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

**Sermon:**

The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God’s people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## NICENE CREED | *Credo*

**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.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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.

*-Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

### Worship Notes

#### **Prayer of the Church:**

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

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

*The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray.*

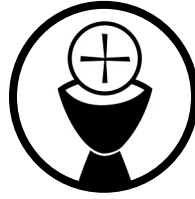
*See Matthew 6:9-13.*

*The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.*

#### **Offering:**

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

# THE SACRAMENT



## PREFACE

### **Preface:**

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.

**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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY | *Sanctus*

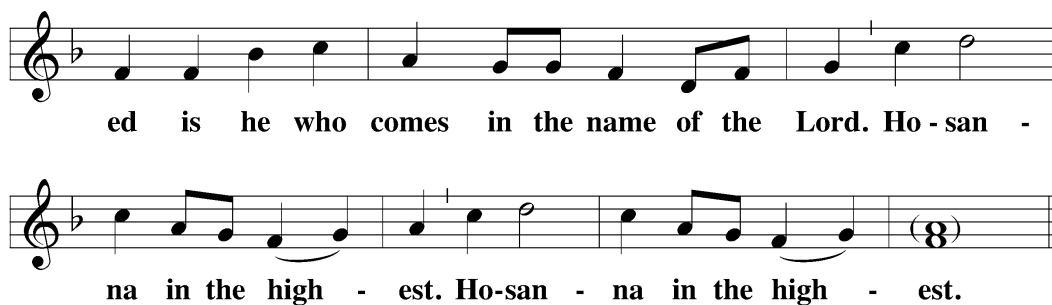
### **Holy, Holy, Holy:**

"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. It incorporates elements of Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



## 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.

### **Words of Institution:**

*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.*

*See Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25.*

LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei***Lamb of God:**

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

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

~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. Our Savior Lutheran Church asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.*

*There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 156 in the red hymnal.*

### **HYMN | #382** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



# THANKSGIVING

## **Song of Simeon:**

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.

## SONG OF SIMEON | *Nunc Dimittis*

~Please stand

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**L** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

**L** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

## HYMN | #538 *The Church's One Foundation (verses 1,5)*

*-Please be seated*

### Worship Notes

#### **Blessing:**

*This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).*



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