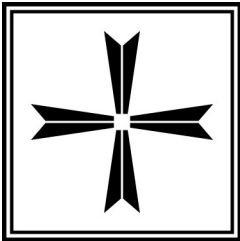




THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, ONE WORD AT A TIME:

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AUGUST 31, 2014



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
AUGUST 31ST, 2014*

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 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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Though we suffer much in this world, the Christian trusts that nothing can separate him from the love of God. In his providence, God provides for us; in his love, God protects us. Though we are considered sheep for the slaughter by the world, we know that in the hand of our God we are more than conquerors, **inseparable** from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. No earthly powers, no spiritual forces, nothing in our past or in our future has the power to remove us from the care of our God.

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 God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES

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.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is a member of a group of more than twelve hundred churches called Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church body with congregations serving all fifty of the United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and over 25 countries through world mission work.



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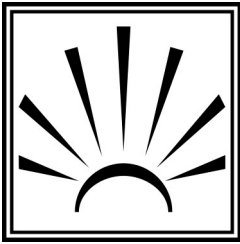
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MORNING PRAISE

"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

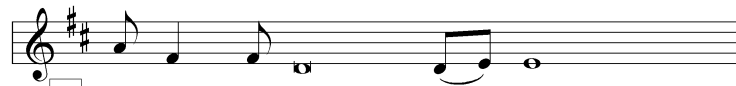
~PLEASE STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP


L O Lord, o - pen my lips.


C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.


L Hasten to save me, O God.


C O Lord, come quickly to help me.


L Give glory to God, our light and our life.


C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING ~ "VENITE"

The Venite is a liturgical chant composed of parts of Psalm 95 and Psalm 96. The title 'Venite' is derived from the Latin verb 'venire', to come.

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.



THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 63

As early as the third century, Christians were using Psalm 63 as a morning prayer.

Refrain

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will sing glad songs to you, I will
 4 sing glad songs of praise to you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verses

1. O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y
 2. For your love is bet-ter than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will
 3. On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I muse through the night, for you have

6

pires for you like a dry, wea-ry land with-out wa-ter. So I
 bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My
 been my help; in the shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My

9

gaze on you in the sanc-tu-ar-y to see your strength and your glo-ry.
 soul shall be filled as with a ban-quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
 soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

LESSON

ISAIAH 55:1-5 (PG. 1148)

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

God's care for our physical needs is coupled with his care for our spiritual needs. He wants to fill not only empty bellies but also hungry hearts and thirsty souls.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:13-21 (PG. 1520)

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¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Here, the Son of God showed that he cares for the physical needs of his people. Trust in God to provide!

SEASONAL RESPONSE

☐ Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

#445

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

THROUGH JESUS' BLOOD AND MERIT

SERMON

ROMANS 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU ~ "TE DEUM"

REFRAIN



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



- L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, C We praise you, we
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We
 You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;

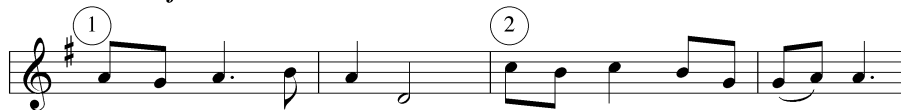


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

OFFERING

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY ~ "KYRIE"

~PLEASE STAND

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

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HYMN

#145

JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON

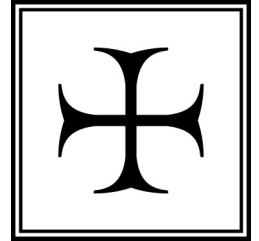
PRAYER FOR GRACE

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L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING



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).



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

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CLOSING HYMN

#349 vs. 4,5

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE



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