

26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47

**"LORD, ARE ONLY A
FEW GOING TO BE
SAVED?"**

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Christian Worship 610

God Places His Name on Us

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

C: And also with you!

The Confession of Sins

P: From the Large Catechism we learn: “Christ himself entrusted absolution to his Church and commanded us to absolve one another from our sins. So if there is a heart that feels its sin and desires consolation, it has here a sure refuge when it hears in God’s Word that through a fellow human being, God absolves a person from sin.”

In the name of our God and Savior to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

**Do not hide your face from me,
for I have put my trust in you.**

**Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

P: It is only because of the Lord’s great faithfulness and undeserved love that we can humbly confess our sins.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you with my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

The Absolution

P: Jesus assures his people, “if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against every temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!

Song of Praise

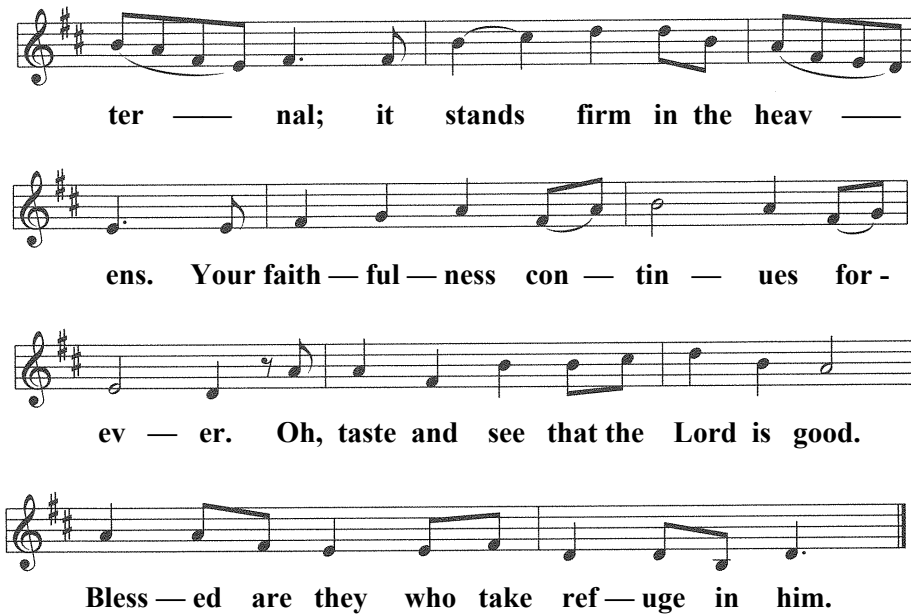
P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e—



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 ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious Lord, you want us to be confident about your rescue and our place in heaven. For this reason, you sent your Son to proclaim the good news we are saved. Still doubts linger. We feel we need to do something extra to help. We also wonder why some are saved while others are not. Remove every doubt. Take away any confusion. Solidify our confession that Jesus is your only Son and our only Savior. Hear us to the glory of your name and for the rescue of our souls.



C: A — — — men.

The Lessons from God’s Word
*“My salvation comes from the Lord, the
 Maker of Heaven and Earth!”*

Old Testament

Isaiah 66:18-24

¹⁸As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them,
and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers,
to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands,
who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.
Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house.²¹Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 103

Refrain



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, | O my soul; *
all my inmost being, praise his | holy name.

He forgives | all your sins, *
and heals all your di- | seases.

He redeems your life | from the grave, *
and crowns you with love and com- | passion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and | gracious, *
slow to anger, abound- | ing in love.

He does not treat us as our | sins deserve, *
or repay us according to our in- | iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth, *
so great is his love for those who | fear him;

As far as the east is | from the west, *
so far has he removed our transgressions | from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his | children, *
so the LORD has compassion on those who | fear him.

For he knows how | we are formed, *
he remembers that | we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower | of the field; *
the wind blows over it and | it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who | fear him, *
from everlasting to ever- | lasting

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle

Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people, who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

Theme for the Day

(Titus 3:3-7)

P: For at one time we ourselves were also foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by many kinds of evil desires and pleasures, living in malice and jealousy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, he saved us—not by the righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia!



Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!



These words are writ— ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

²²He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P: This is the Word of our God—the foundation of our faith and the source of our salvation!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”
Christian Worship 395

Sermon

Luke 13:22-30

“Make Sure You Ask the Right Questions!”

Will I be recognized by the Lord?

Will I be one of the saved?

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles’ Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn

“Jesus, Sinners Does Receive”
Christian Worship 304

Closing Prayer

P: Gracious Savior and Redeemer, I was glad to be here, gathered with your people to worship you and to receive your free salvation. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in your paths of righteousness that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you.

Grant, O Lord:

That the lips which here have sung your praise —
may continue to glorify you in the world;

That the ears which have heard your truth proclaimed —
may always be open to your Word and closed to hatred,
discord, and deception;

That the tongues which have freely confessed your name —
may always speak the truth in love and without fear;

That all of us who have worshiped together today —
may be united by your holy Word, and in true love for each
other as you have loved us.



C: A — men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

‘Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name’

Christian Worship 321

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in the name of our gracious God!* How blessed we are that God has shared the good news about his Son with us. Without that message of peace and forgiveness, we would never be confident in our rescue or of the promise of heaven.

- If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!
- Following the service everyone is welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. This morning we will consider the importance of mountains in the giving of the Law and in the fulfillment of the Law—namely our rescue.

Tuesday—Outreach meeting at 7:00 pm.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm

Saturday—Clean: Hanna

- Lawn mowing beginning August 21—Todd

Sunday, August 28th—In Person Worship and Live-Streaming

at 9:30 am. We know we will have to stand before the Lord on the Last Day, and we will have to give an account of our life of faith and faith born works. What will we say? Will we try to make ourselves look better? Will we compare ourselves to others? Will we plead only the merits of God's Son, our Savior? The answer to this question will determine whether we are honored before the Lord, disgraced.

- There will be no Christian Education this Sunday because of the Beach, Bike, Barbeque. Hope to see all of you at Goleta Beach for lunch.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson for controlling the life stream; to Sue Proeber for providing flowers for the altar—to the glory of God and in thankfulness for his daily blessing.

Meditations

The latest edition of the weekly devotion book is available in the back of the church. Copies are also in the “mail box” by the church office door. Please pick up a copy, and there are extra copies to share with another person.

Beach, Bike, Barbeque

Our next fellowship and outreach activity will be Sunday, **August 28th**—the annual gathering at Goleta Beach. Lunch will begin around noon. Please bring a side dish to pass and a dessert. You may also bring snacks to munch on while games are being played. The meat and drinks will be provided.

As in the past we will meet at Area C. If you are planning to bike, please speak with Pastor about arrangements.

LWMS Fall Rally

It is time to start thinking about the Rally we will host on **October 8th**. It is the Fall meeting of the Lutheran Women's Mission Society. There will be a number of tasks for the day—helping with set up, decorating tables, food preparation, and greeters. Please speak to Sonja Todd in the next couple of weeks. Also, keep your eyes open for more information. Thank You!

Fall Festival

A family activity is in the works for Saturday, **October 15th**. While some of the details are still being put together, there will be pumpkin carving, pictures, a time to socialize, but most important, an opportunity to have young families from the community come on to our property and get to know us. Please watch for more details in the coming months.



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