

For I delight in
the **LAW OF GOD**
in my inmost self ...

Romans 7:22, NRSV



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“Saints and Sinners;
Rebellious, yet Redeemed!”**

July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Lord’s Supper:
First Sunday of the Month

Wisconsin Synod

Welcome in the Name of our Triune God

Every day we struggle. We know we have been forgiven and made holy by our Savior, yet we see sin and rebellion in our lives. As Paul confessed, so we confess we are miserable wretches. At the same time, we rejoice because God is compassionate and patient, not wanting any to perish. He calls us to daily turn away from our sin, receive forgiveness, and be strengthened to live a new life set apart for his glory. How blessed we are to have such a gracious God and Savior!

For Parents with Small Children

There is children’s service folder in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up if needed. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall along with a television monitor to watch the service. Please go left from the church and walk to the double doors.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

We Gather in the Name of the Triune God

P: In the name of our Triune God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
 hear you.
 fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
 Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: For they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers;

C: For I meditate on your statutes.

P: I have more understanding than the elders;

C: For I obey your precepts.

P: I have kept my feet from every evil path;

C: So that I might obey your word.

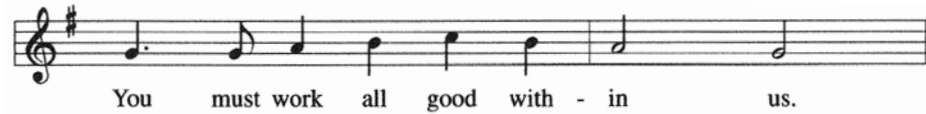
P: I have not departed from your laws,

C: For you yourself have taught me.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste;

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
 Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
 shroud - ed
 cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

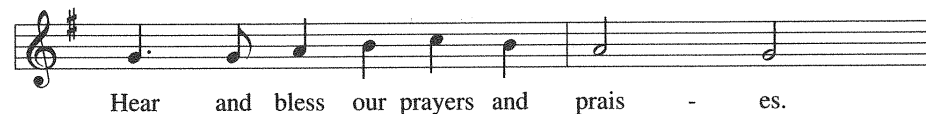
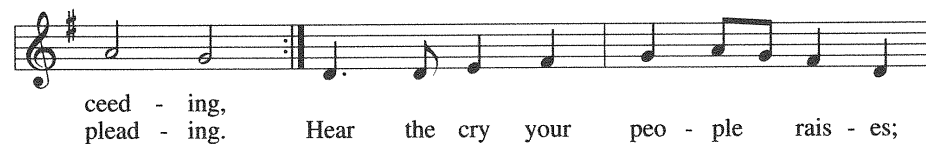
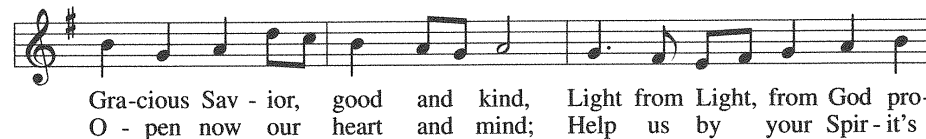


P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness;

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before you, O Lord, and humbly seek your forgiveness.

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.



God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in

his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your rescue and life in heaven. 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.

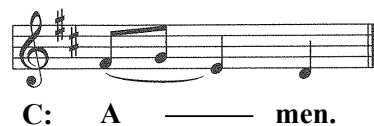
C: Amen.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious and compassionate Father, we recognize we deserve nothing from you except your just judgment. Yet, for the sake of Jesus, you showed us mercy. You forgave our sins. You purified our hearts. You made us saints. While we rejoice in the undeserved mercy you have shown us, we regret we continue to sin and turn away from you in rebellion. Keep us from dismissing your call to repent. Give us humble and contrite hearts. Continue to turn us to the cross of your Son. Because we are sinners and saints, guide us. Encourage us. Strengthen us so we can receive the crown of life prepared for all your saints in heaven. There we will praise you together with your Son and the Spirit—as the God of our rescue.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word
"Remember, O Lordm Your Mercy and Love!"

Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹The LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." ²⁰He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live."

²¹The LORD also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. ²²It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen."

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 31

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

In you, O LORD, I have taken | refuge; *
 deliver me in your | righteousness.

Be my rock of | refuge; *
 a strong fortress to | save me.

Into your hands I commit my | Spirit; *
 redeem me, O LORD, the | God of truth.

Refrain

My times are | in your hands; *
 save me in your un- | failing love.

How great is your | goodness, *
 which you have stored up for those who | fear you.

You heard my cry for | mercy, *
 when I called to | you for help.

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

Romans 7:15–25a

¹⁵For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. ¹⁹So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. ²²I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, ²³but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. ²⁴What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Verse of the Day

P: My soul, rest quietly in God alone, for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed. My salvation and my honor depend on God, my strong rock. My refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your hearts before him. God is a refuge for us.

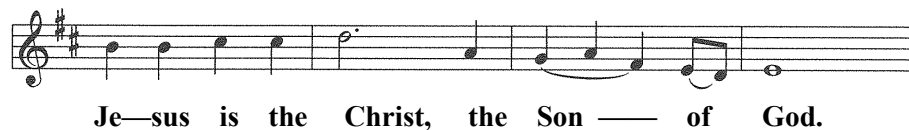
Alleluia!



C: 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

Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children.

²⁶Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Word of our gracious God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Christian Worship 385

Chief of sinners though I be Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, higher than the heav’ns above,

Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity,
Love that found me—wondrous thought! —
Found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart comfort to a wounded heart;
Peace that flows from sins forgiv'n,
 joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to him are known; all my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, by your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray,
 keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

Sermon

Romans 7:15-25

“Saints, Yet Sinners?”

We are often confused
We are regularly conflicted
We are graciously forgiven

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.**

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Church

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, Your Blood and Righteousness”

Christian Worship 376

Jesus, your blood and righteousness,
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day —
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me — e'en for my soul—was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.

Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Closing Prayer

P: Oh, how great is your compassion, Faithful Father,
God of grace, that with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation you had mercy so that we
might be saved eternally!

Lord, your mercy will not leave me;
ever will your truth abide. Then in you I will confide.
Since your Word cannot deceive me,
my salvation is to me safe and sure eternally.

I will praise your great compassion, Faithful Father,
God of grace, that with all our fall race
In our depth of degradation you had mercy so that we

might be saved eternally.



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

“To God Be the Glory”

Christian Worship 399

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give him the glory — great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To ev’ry believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory — great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory — great things he has done!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in our Savior's name!* May the rich blessing of our gracious God and the power of his full and free forgiveness through Jesus lead you from confusion and conflict in rebellion to peace and joy in righteousness. If you are visiting this morning, please sign a “visitor card” or the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!

- After the service everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Following the worship service today there will be Christian Education at 11:00. We will consider Moses' impassioned prayer, “If your Presence is not going to go with us, do not send us up from here.”

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. The committees will meet at 8:00 pm, if needed.

Wednesday—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We continue with the study of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts he graciously gives. This evening we will consider the gifts he gives to confirm and support the work of the Church.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Cleaning: Hanna

- Lawn beginning July 9th—G. Grunewald

Sunday, July 16th—Sunday Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. Jesus’ parable of the “Sower and the Seed” offers several important reminders. The first is we need to faithfully sow the seed the Lord entrusts to us. The second lesson is the Word will always accomplish what it is sent to do.

- There will be no Christian Education this Sunday because of the **Quarterly Congregational meeting**. Please make sure you plan to attend, and be an active part of our Gospel ministry.

Thank You

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