

WELCOME

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. AUGUST 12/SUN. AUGUST 13, 2023



“GOD RULES”

AS WE GATHER

The rule of God is so far above us that we cannot comprehend it. He has all power throughout all time and eternity. Although God rules in might, as He tells Job (and us) in His speech in the Old Testament Reading, He demonstrated His rule in grace by sending His Son, our Lord Jesus, to become one of us to die and rise for us. But God’s rule is thwarted in the lives of those who do not know about our Savior. Paul in the Epistle points out that “faith comes from hearing” and earnestly desires that all his fellow Jews might hear the Gospel and be saved (Romans 10:17). God, speaking to us through Paul is urging us to get the Good News to people’s ears so they may hear and believe.” Even within the Church at times doubts arise about our Lord’s care and control. As Peter needed to cling to Jesus amid the stormy seas, so our faith must reach beyond recognizing God’s rule over creation in general. He has destroyed death itself in Jesus’ resurrection. And we already live in His eternal kingdom. Thanks be to God!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Rise, Shine, You People” *LSB 825*

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered

**Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**

**2. See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**

**3. Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.**

**4. Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.**

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Augsburg Fortress WOJTKIEWIECZ 11 11 11 5 Eph. 5:14; Col. 2:13–15; Is. 60:1; Matt. 28:18–20**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:3, 6, 46*

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Pastor: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
People: and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the LORD;
People: to my God I cried for help.

Pastor: From His temple He heard my voice,
People: and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

(LSB page 204)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in Pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, ruler of this world, comfort us, we pray, with the message that Your rule is good for the whole Church and also for each of us as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:4–18 (God questions Job.)*

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

- ¹² “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶ “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17* (Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture

says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33 (Jesus walks on water and rescues sinking Peter.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the

wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”**

²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, **“Come.”** So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, **“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”** ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Savior, Precious Savior” *LSB 527*

**1. O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.**

**2. O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation**

**Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.**

**3. In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.**

**4. O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!**

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ANGEL'S STORY 76 76 D 1 Peter 1:8–9; Phil. 2:9; Col. 1:19; Rev. 7:9–14**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty

Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who answered our deepest need by destroying the power of death itself by His glorious resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, singing,

SANCTUS

(LSB 507, St. 1 & 4)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “The Lamb” (*LSB 547, St. 1 & 2*)

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- *are baptized and confirmed*
- *believe Christ's words*
- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;**

**Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

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TOPLADY 77 77 77 1 Cor. 10:4; John 19:34; Heb. 9:14; Ezek. 36:25**

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB page 211)

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast

of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

**1 My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.**

Refrain:

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.**

**2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul, I come to him,
he’ll never cast me out. [Refrain]**

**3 My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood. [Refrain]**

**4 My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave. [Refrain]**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- **SHARING CENTER:** The Sharing Center is concentrating on a Back To School drive through the month of August, which includes distributing athletic shoes, backpacks, and school supplies to kindergarten through high school kids. Backpacks and shoes can be used, but in very good

condition, and all sizes are needed. School supplies include spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, notebook paper, pencil boxes, sharpeners, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, erasers and glue sticks. Please drop off anything you would like to donate in the Narthex-all is appreciated! Please see Gail with questions.

- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests or any other concerns.
- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal
- Sun. Organist: George Kelm
- Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski
- A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Mike Gomski
Communion: Paul Trettin
Acolyte: James Urban
Ushers: Josh Walton & Nathan Olsen
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Jim Tonkinson
Communion: Paul Trettin
Acolyte: James Urban
Ushers: Paul & Beth Schneider

Fellowship: Beth Schneider

BIRTHDAY

8/17 Marvin Lichte

8/19 Lucas Muur

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

8/14/23 – 8/20/23

**Monday: 4:00pm Council Meeting @
Trettin Home**

Wednesday: 5:30pm Car Show Meeting

**Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast
9:30am Elders' Meeting**

**Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
10am-2pm Brat Fry at Berkot's
10:30am Women of Hope Meeting**

**Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study "Book of Acts"**