

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 10:00 a.m.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*“Build My Life”*

by Redman, Barrett, Younker, Martin, & Kaple

Worthy of every song we could ever sing; worthy of all the praise we could ever bring;  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe; we live for You

*Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only One who could ever save.*

*Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe; we live for You, we live for You*

*(chorus) Holy, there is no one like You; there is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken.

## WELCOME & THEME

*(stand)*

### OPENING SONG

*“Run to the Father”*

by Carnes, Maher & Jackson

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.  
I wasn't created to bear it alone. I hear Your invitation to let it all go.  
I see it now I'm laying it down; and I know that I need You.

*(chorus) I run to the Father; I fall into grace.*

*I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.*

*My heart needs a surgeon. My soul needs a friend.*

*So I'll run to the Father again and again...and again and again.*

Oh-oh-oh

You saw my condition; had a plan from the start.  
Your Son for redemption; the price for my heart.  
And I don't have a context for that kind of love:  
I don't understand; I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

Oh-oh, again and again; oh-oh-oh, again and again  
My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.  
Running into Your arms, is running to life from death.  
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.  
Just as I am You pull me in and I know I need you now.

## INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER

*(sit)*

### OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>2</sup>Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

<sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup>“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place THE LORD WILL PROVIDE. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said, “I swear by Myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed Me.”

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:19-31

<sup>19</sup>Now this was John’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. <sup>20</sup>He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Christ.”

<sup>21</sup>They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?”

He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

He answered, “No.”

<sup>22</sup>Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

<sup>23</sup>John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘*Make straight the way for the Lord.*’”

<sup>24</sup>Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup>questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

<sup>26</sup>“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup>He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

<sup>28</sup>This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.”

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

### SERMON SONG

“What a Beautiful Name”

by Fielding & Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning; one with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ.

*(chorus) What a beautiful Name it is; what a beautiful Name it is.*

The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn’t want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*(chorus) What a wonderful Name it is; what a wonderful Name it is*

The Name of Jesus Christ my King; what a wonderful Name it is

Nothing compares to this; what a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus; what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You

You silenced the boast of sin and grave; the heavens are roaring

The praise of Your glory; for You are raised to life again

You Have no rival, You have no equal, Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names

*(chorus) What a powerful Name it is; what a powerful Name it is*

The Name of Jesus Christ my King; what a powerful Name it is

Nothing can stand against; what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is; the Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is; the Name of Jesus

### SERMON

“Sodom and Gomorrah”

GENESIS: REINFORCING THE FOUNDATION

*(stand)*

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

When the pastor says, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,"  
the congregation responds, "His steadfast love endures forever."

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray,
- 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.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** 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  $\text{†}$  body 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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

(sit)

## DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion.

This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. Have been instructed in God's Word, especially in regard to the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;
2. Confess and repent of all their sins;
3. Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;
4. Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.

If you have any questions, we respectfully ask you to visit with one of the pastors before receiving Holy Communion.

## SONGS

"To the Table"

by Smith, Wood & Williams

Hear the voice of love that's calling, there's a chair that waits for you  
And a friend who understands, everything you're going through  
But you keep standing at a distance, in the shadow of your shame  
But there's a light of hope that's shining, won't you come and take your place  
*(chorus)* So bring it all to the table, it's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness  
There's a Savior and He calls; bring it all to the table  
He can see the weight you carry, and the fears that hold your heart  
But through the cross you've been forgiven, you're accepted as you are  
*(chorus)* So bring it all to the table, it's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your trails all your worries and your burdens  
There's a Savior and He calls; bring it all to the table  
Come on in, take your place; there's no one who's turned away  
All you sinners, all you saints; come right in and find your grace

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
 Jesus is calling; Have you come to the end of yourself  
 Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling  
*(chorus) O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide*  
*Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ*  
 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes; come today there's no reason to wait  
 Jesus is calling; bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
 From the ashes a new life is born; Jesus is calling  
 Oh, what a Savior; Isn't He wonderful? Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen;  
 Bow down before Him; For He is Lord of all; Sing allelujah, Christ is risen  
 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; tell the world of the treasure you found

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

(stand)

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. *And all God's people say,*
- C** *Amen!*

CLOSING SONG

You Never Let Go

By Redman

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
 Your perfect love is casting out fear  
 And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
 I won't turn back, I know You are near  
 And I will fear no evil; for my God is with me  
 And if my God is with me, Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?  
*(chorus) Oh no, You never let go; Through the calm and through the storm; Oh no, You never let go*  
*In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me*  
 And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, A glorious light beyond all compare  
 And there will be an end to these troubles;  
 But until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth  
*(chorus) Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on*  
*And there will be an end to these troubles; but until that day comes*  
 Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

- P** We enter to worship.
- C** We exit to witness.

*Regarding Thank Offerings*

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**Offerings** can be placed in the offering box, dropped or mailed to the church office or go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “give” at the top of the page.

*Those Serving This Morning...*

Preacher ..... Pastor Keith Piotter  
 Liturgist ..... Pastor Caleb Weight  
 Live Stream..... Eric Brei  
 Projectionist/Sound Tech..... Karen Netherton & Nikki Sheehan  
 Special Music Guest..... Erik Smallwood

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