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# SAY IT OUT LOUD

KEEP THE FAITH



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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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*Say It Out Loud:  
Keep the Faith*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Dear Lord, in grace you have made me to be your child and an heir of heaven. Bless me as I walk in your light through a sin-darkened world. Fill my heart with peace in worship today and bless my prayers and praise. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Believers in God and their ministers have always been persecuted. Religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to muzzle the truth, but they only succeeded in sending people to preach the Word throughout the land. The Roman Empire persecuted Christians with stakes and lions, but God's Church exploded with growth. In Martin Luther's day, both pope and emperor tried to limit the gospel movement that was spreading from Germany, but God led many people to speak his truth. God wants his people to keep the faith and preach the Word even in the face of opposition.

**WORSHIP SERIES:** The Season after Pentecost features Christ's teachings, and Christians in every vocation are encouraged to say it out loud. The truths of God's Word are good for the soul, useful for life, and more reliable than anything else in the world. Watch out for false teachers who come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but who do not base everything on the Word of God! Give thanks to the Lord for faithful servants in the ministry of the gospel and those who support them!

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe      Pianist: Abigail Ibisch

Vocalists: Leah Bergemann, Renee Nair

Instrumentalists: Chloe Wolfe, Brian Shult, Roger Zolldan, Lydia Wolfe

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting Four from Christian Worship  
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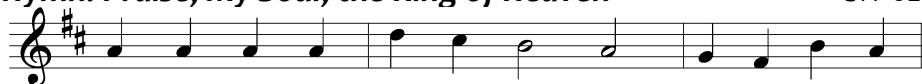
# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Three



## Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CW 621



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,  
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,  
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!  
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

*Please stand.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. There are some rests and a double bar line in the seventh staff. The piece ends with a final cadence in the tenth staff.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*Jeremiah refuses to abandon the faith even when beaten and put in stocks.*

<sup>7</sup>You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long.

<sup>9</sup>But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,"  
his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering,

"Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying,

"Perhaps he will be deceived;

then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;  
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;  
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous  
and probe the heart and mind,

let me see your vengeance on them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!

He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

M: The Word of the Lord.

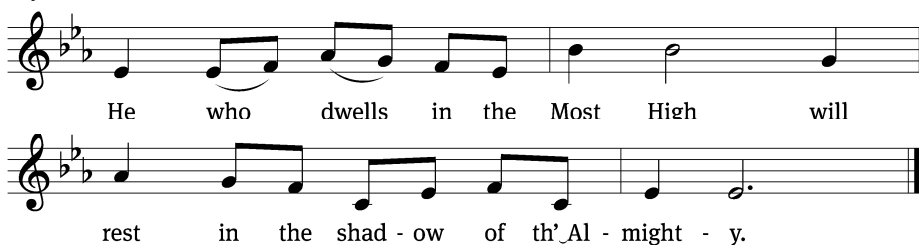
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: The Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91A

Vocalists sing the first refrain and the verses. The congregation may join in the remaining refrains and the Gloria.

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al - mighty - y.

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. **Refrain**

If you say "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will over take you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**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**

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 4:1-8

*Paul encourages us to keep the faith even in the face of difficulty.*

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

<sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 12:9



*Refrain*



My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

**Refrain**

## Gospel

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

*Jesus makes us brave to confess him in public.*

<sup>35</sup>The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup>When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup>And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children's VBS Song

## Gone Fishin'

By Kremer & Cushinery

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure CW 823 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arms I rest me; foes who would op - press me  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish  
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



shall my spir - it lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; yet, though sin and  
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my



naught to hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me.

*“Let the fire burn!”*

- 1) *The Word scorches our sin with its threats*
- 2) *The Word warms our soul with its promises*

Please stand after the sermon.

## THANKSGIVING

### 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 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.**

*Be seated.*

### Offering



Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

*Please stand.*

### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

M: 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 favor and + give you peace.

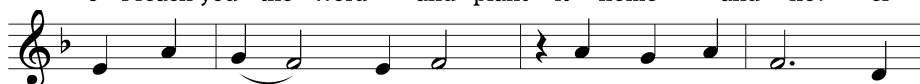
C: Amen.

## Hymn: Preach You the Word

CW 895 sts. 1, 4-6



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be  
5 Of all his scat - tered plen-teous-ness one - fourth waves  
6 Preach you the Word and plant it home and nev - er



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -  
choked and mat - ted flat, the sow - er sows; his  
ripe on hill and flat, and bears a har - vest,  
faint; the Har - vest Lord who gave the sow - er



dure and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"  
hun - dred - fold: "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"  
seed to sow will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy fellowship in the entry between services. Our 19-minutes summer Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Say it Out Loud: Love God Above All

Bible Readings: Exodus 32:15-29, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Matthew 10:34-42

Hymns: 876, 702, 711, 704

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

