



# THE CHURCH GROWS

The Church's Members Trust God to Provide

# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Chula Vista, California*

*Sunday, August 24, 2014*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. If a song is not found in this worship folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located on the chair in front of you. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly.

Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located in the entrance of church. If you have a small child not feeling well, or are in need of child-care assistance, a staffed nursery is available through the door marked "Nursery" on the right side in the church. The nursery may be accessed through the women's rest restroom.

**TODAY’S FOCUS - THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Having reviewed the great events of the life of Christ, the second half of the Christian Year gives us opportunity to focus on Christ's Church. The members of Christ's Church know that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. Out of the depth of his resources he is able to provide all that we need. Whether through our work and planning or through miraculous means, God is able to open his hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

- Presiding Minister**.....Pastor Lowell Smith
- Keyboardist** .....Ian Welch
- Elder of the Day**.....Pat Miller
- Ushers**.....Floyd Pinkney, Darrin Saatkamp,  
Simon Sung, Ben Villanueva
- Communion Assistant**.....Joe Junk
- Greeter** .....Simon & Minerva Sung
- Nursery Helper** .....Masami Jenkins
- Church Cleaning (this weekend)**.....The Miller Family

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us | 339*

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**M** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**M** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C** Amen.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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 - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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 OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God richly feeds our hungry hearts and thirsty souls with the gospel.*

“Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread,

and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

and you will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
my faithful love promised to David.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
a ruler and commander of the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with splendor.” (NIV)

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 42-43 (p. 82)**

*The congregation sings the refrain and verses of the psalm together.*

## SECOND LESSON

**Romans 8:35-39**

*Nothing can remove us from the loving care of our God.*

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY



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 14:13-21

*Jesus miraculously feeds five thousand.*

*Stand*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

<sup>18</sup> “Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. (NIV)

**M** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | 382

### *Live Your Hope*

1. *Look at what Christ has done! (18-20)*
2. *Prize what Christ has given you! (20-22)*
3. *Put your hope in Christ (15-17)*

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,<sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (NIV)

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## *The Apostles' Creed*

*Stand*

**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 *triumphantly* 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

*If you are not a member of Risen Savior Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. We gather our offerings in church, because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship. The vast majority of our church ministry is carried out by what is given on Sunday morning. May the Lord bless you! And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others! Everyone is asked to please sign a friendship register and pass it to the outside of their row.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

*Stand*

**M** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

**M** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

# THE SACRAMENT

*Risen Savior practices close communion. We ask, therefore, that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (the Wisconsin Synod) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.*

**[M]** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**[M]** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

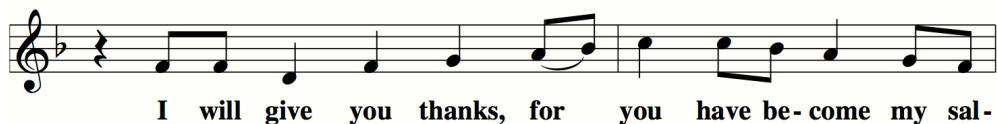
**[M]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**[M]** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



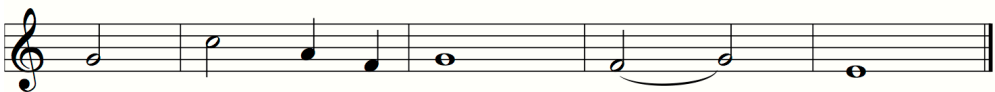
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.



## PRAYER &amp; BLESSING

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**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.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* | 332 (vs. 1-2)



# NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School / Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship

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<b>November 15</b>	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Church Council Meeting

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<b>November 16</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School / Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship

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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Advent by Candlelight is currently scheduled for **December 7th**. A sign up sheet is located at the entrance of church. Please contact Debbie Benson with any questions.

## SERMON PODCASTS

Did you miss Sunday's sermon? Looking for something to listen to in the car or at home? Subscribe to the Risen Savior Podcast on iTunes and be uplifted by Pastor Schulz's weekly sermon. You can subscribe on our website at **[risensavior.us/sermonaudio](http://risensavior.us/sermonaudio)**.

## STAY CONNECTED

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Risen Savior congregation exists to have its members be

**Growing in Grace, Living in Hope, Serving in Love...**

**All to the Glory of God**

If you are new to the area or looking for a church to call your own, please accept our invitation to meet our pastor (after the service, or by appointment at your convenience). Please come and worship with us again.

Risen Savior is part of a group of more than 1200 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico & Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

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