

Hymn: LSB 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more he Thine!

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**If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!
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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:14–21

14For a long time I have held my peace;

**I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;**

I will gasp and pant.

15I will lay waste mountains and hills,

**and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.**

16And I will lead the blind

in a way that they do not know,

in paths that they have not known

I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,

the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,

and I do not forsake them.

17They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,

who say to metal images,

“You are our gods.”

18Hear, you deaf,

and look, you blind, that you may see!

19Who is blind but my servant,

or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,

or blind as the servant of the Lord?

20He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

21The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,

to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 142; antiphon: v. 5

1With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

2I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

3When my spirit faints within me,

you know my way!

In the path where I walk

they have hidden a trap for me.

4Look to the right and see:

there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me;

no one cares for my soul.

5I cry to you, O Lord;

I say, “You are my refuge,

my portion in the land of the living.”

6Attend to my cry,

for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

7Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

Epistle Ephesians 5:8–14

8For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good

and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.
11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose
them. 12For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.
13But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14for
anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

23The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no
resurrection, and they asked him a question, 24saying, “Teacher, Moses
said, ‘If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow
and raise up children for his brother.’ 25Now there were seven brothers
among us. The first married and died, and having no children left his wife
to his brother. 26So too the second and third, down to the seventh. 27After
them all, the woman died. 28In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven,
whose wife will she be? For they all had her.”

29But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong because you know neither
the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither

marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 32‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” 33And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Song:

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf, and You make the lame to walk. Hear the prayers of Your people on behalf of all people as they have need.

Brief silence

In the darkness of sin and its death, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and be thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Strengthen us in faith, that we may serve You with all our body, mind, soul and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bidden by Your Word, we pray to You, O Lord, on behalf of Your Church and all Your people in every place. Give to us good pastors and

servants of Your Word who will preach the full counsel of Your Word and serve us with Your Sacraments. Raise up many more to serve as church workers, and bless those who are now preparing for full-time church work.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Defended by Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to provide us with good and faithful leaders who will honor the cause of justice in our land, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and protect the lives of those least able to defend themselves. Bless the members of our armed forces and protect them as they defend us, and grant Your blessing to all emergency workers who come to our aid in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Enjoying the riches of Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to give us generous hearts, that we may share with the poor what You have provided and work for the common good of all. Be with those who are unemployed and in search of honest labor, the underemployed in pursuit of better jobs, and the homeless seeking basic shelter for themselves and those in their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we pray You, O Lord, to remember the sick in their afflictions, to calm those troubled in mind, and to keep steadfast the dying. [*Hear us especially for _____.*] Show us Your gracious will, O Lord, and sustain those who are afflicted in body or

mind until that day when You will bestow upon us new bodies fit for the eternal life You have prepared for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Mindful of Your promise, we ask You, O Lord, to comfort those who grieve and to build up those who mourn with hope for the resurrection. Remembering the faithful who have died in Christ, we pray You to bring us at last to be with them in Your nearer presence, looking forward to that day when we shall join in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things, O Lord, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer us with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. So do we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ by answering with one voice.

C Amen.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

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