



**RISEN SAVIOR**  
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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**WORSHIP TIMES**  
**Traditional 8:00 am & 11:00 am**  
**South Building**

**Contemporary 9:30 am**  
**North Building**

Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of each month, and every Sunday at 11:00 am

## WELCOME TO RISEN SAVIOR

We're glad you're here! Our mission is to engage all generations to be passionate followers of our Risen Savior, Jesus. We've designed our worship service to highlight what God has done for us through His son, Jesus, and allow us an opportunity to respond with praise!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

*"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 794 vs. 1-4

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant forgiveness.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgive the iniquity of my sin.

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

**L** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable, sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve 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.

**L** Upon this your confession, I, by the 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.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 806

## THE GREETING

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** O Lord, by Your grace and mercy, You declare us valuable and precious to You, not willing to leave us unchanged and stained with sin. Work Your change in us so that we honor You and share Your love with our family and neighbors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:00)

**"On Eagle's Wings" arr. D. Wagner**

*Richard Gibson; Choir Director; Carla Robertson, Piano*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.  
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My Refuge, my Rock in Whom I trust!"  
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.  
You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.  
For to his angels He's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

(11:00)

**"Old Rugged Cross"**

*Richard Gibson; Vocalist; Carla Robertson, Piano*

FIRST READING

**Genesis 32:22-32**

VERSE

*Lutheran Service Book, p. 156*

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

**John 3:25-30**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 610 vs. 1-5

## MESSAGE: Limping with God: Wrestling with God

Pastor Kevin Austin

## OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me"*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ Almighty Father, accept these offerings and let them be used to bless those who need Your powerful presence in uncertain and troubling times and in times of calm. Bless the ministries of Risen Savior engaging all generations to be passionate followers of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

## OFFERING HYMN

*"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 851 vs. 1-4

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

☞ Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE PREFACE

*(Please Stand)*

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Lift up your hearts.

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

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**L** It is truly good, right and salutary...

## SANCTUS

Lutheran Service Book p. 161

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (*Matthew 26*). We invite all baptized Christians, who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, desire forgiveness of their sins, and believe that the body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unsure of what you believe, or have questions, please speak to one of our Pastors.

Children who have not gone through instruction or confirmation may come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms so the server knows that you are not communing.

Grape juice is available in the center cups and is clear in color. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask your server.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

Lutheran Service Book, p.163

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.*

## WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

***“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”***

**Lutheran Service Book p. 618 vs. 1-5**

***“Salvation unto Us Has Come”***

**Lutheran Service Book p. 555 vs. 1, 4, 6, 9**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### BENEDICTION

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”***

**Lutheran Service Book p. 918 vs. 1-3**

# **Limping with God: Wrestling with God**

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Genesis 32:22-32 John 3:25-30

*...sermon notes*