



# Preparing for battle

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia  
July 11, 2021 10 a.m.

## Welcome

Our world has always been a hostile environment for people who want to live godly lives in Jesus. Because our God does not want to lose any of his children, he gives us the “Holy Scriptures.” The Bible makes us wise in what God has done to save us and equips us to live lives filled acts of serving others and praising our God. The Bible is such a powerful tool and weapon for the battles we face, the lives we want to live, we fill our worship with Scripture. We center our Sunday school lessons on Scripture. We surround our daily lives with Scripture. Equipped with God’s Word, we can stand strong and thrive in the life Jesus gives us.

We hope and pray that God’s Word in our worship will fill your heart with joy, forgiveness, love, and peace so you can live this week with confidence and strength.

Welcome!

## About this service

All music and responses are printed in this worship folder. The worship leader speaks the words in plain print, and **the congregation speaks the words in bold print**.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Our nursery is across the hallway from worship. You’ll find signs just outside the double doors.

# We Come into God's Presence

## Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear – Hymn 282

1. Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your  
2. Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
3. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

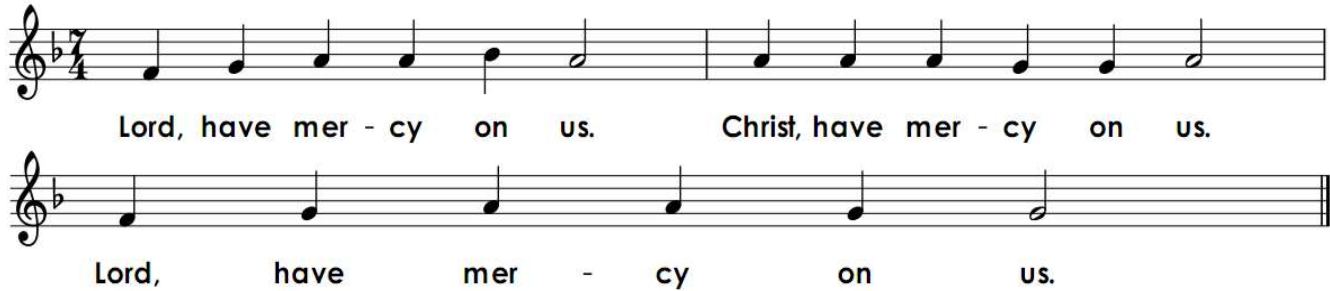
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A - men.

## Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

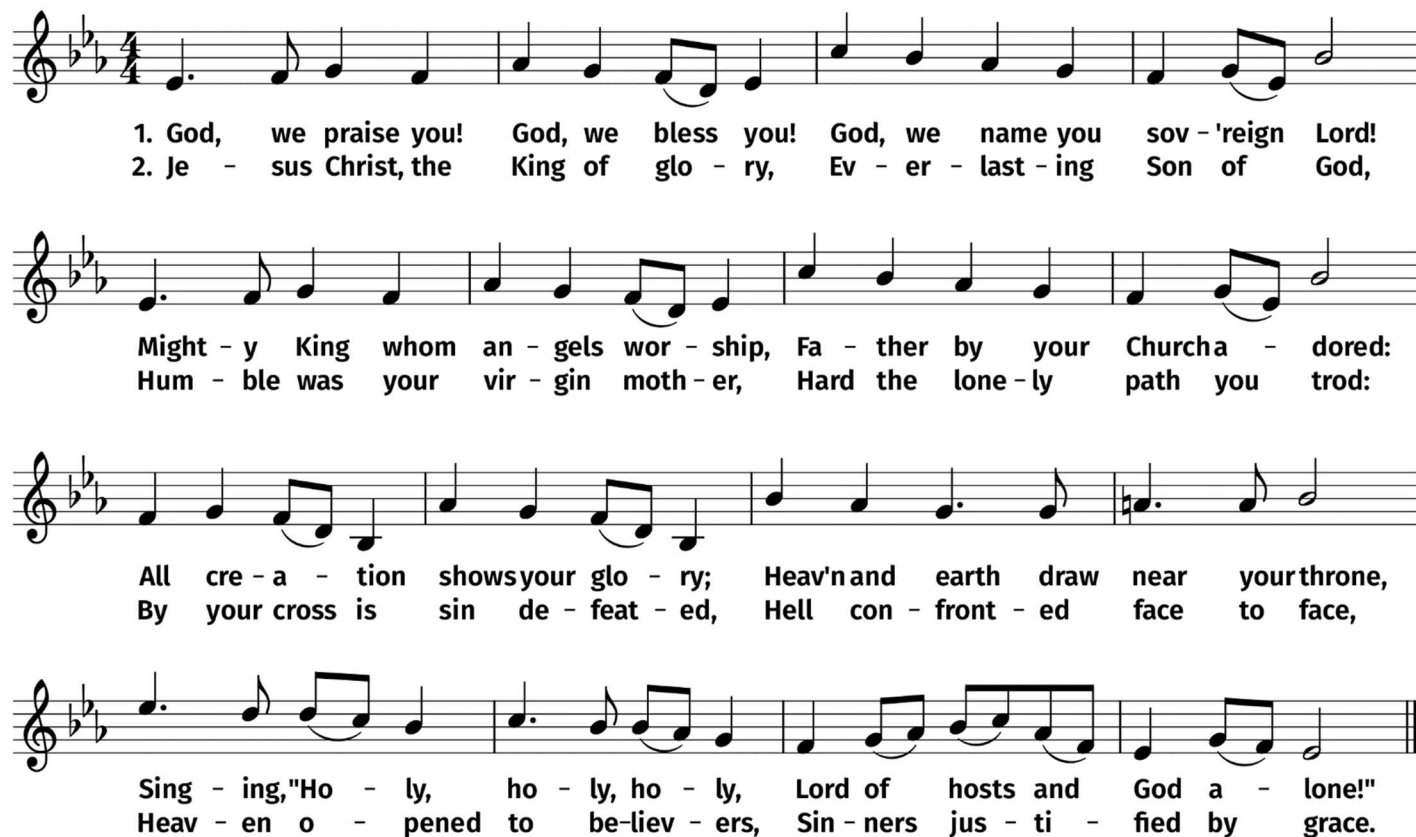


God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## We Respond to God's Forgiveness

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



1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov - 'reign Lord!  
2. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er - last - ing Son of God,  
Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther by your Churcha - dored:  
Hum - ble was your vir - gin moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod:  
All cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
By your cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face,  
Sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
Heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.

CW 277 God, We Praise You

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

# God Speaks to Us



## **Ezekiel 2:1 – 3:4**

*While God's Word was sweet to Ezekiel, Ezekiel would need the Lord's courage to proclaim it to a rebellious people.*

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house. You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

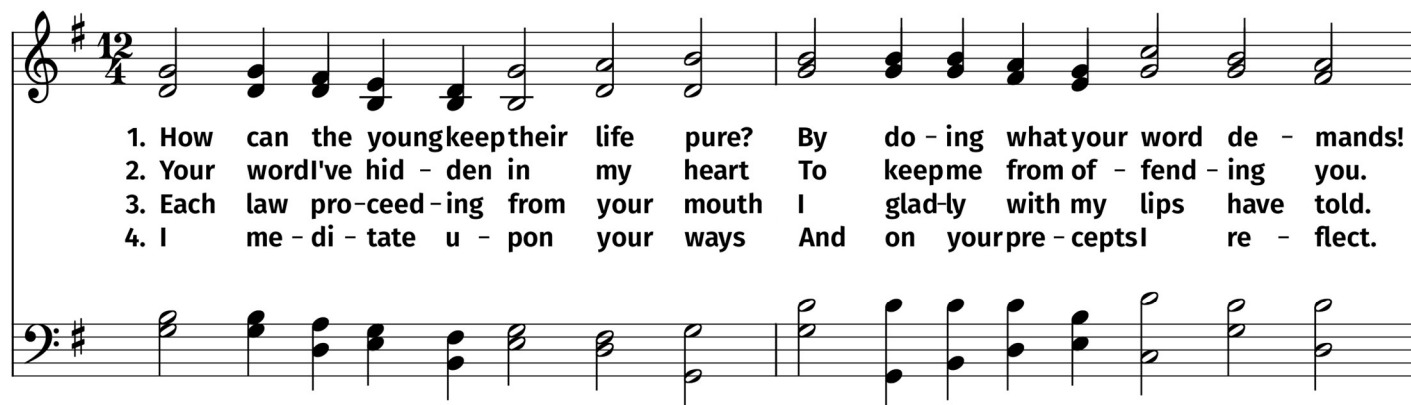
Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. NIV

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:9-16



1. How can the young keep their life pure? By doing what your word demands!  
2. Your word I've hid - den in my heart To keep me from of - fend - ing you.  
3. Each law pro - ceed - ing from your mouth I gladly with my lips have told.  
4. I me - di - tate u - pon your ways And on your pre - cepts I re - flect.



I seek you with my heart and soul; Let me not stray from your com - mands.  
Praise be to you, O Lord my God; Teach me your sta - tutes firm and true.  
I love to fol - low your com - mands, As oth - ers love to count their gold.  
I take de - light in your de - crees; Your word I nev - er will ne - glect.

## 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:5

*God's Word equips us for life.*

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men 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. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. NIV

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. Luke 8:15 cf. RSV



## Mark 6:1-6

*Jesus' old friends took offense at him!*

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. NIV

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# We Confess Our Faith

## The 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.**

## Children's sermon

### We Have a Sure, Prophetic Word – Hymn 291



1. We	have	a	sure	pro -	phet -	ic	Word	By	in -	spi -
2. By	pow'rs	of	em -	pire	banned	and	burned,	By	pa -	gan
3. This	Word	has	pow'r	to	make	us	wise	Re -	sist -	ing
4. His	Word	e -	quips	us	to	be -	lieve	And	live	with
5. Dear	saint	re -	deemed	by	Christ's	own	blood	Fast	hold	this



ra -	tion	of	the	Lord,	And,	though	as -	sailed	on	ev -
pride	re -	jec -	ted,	spurned,	The	Word	still	stands,	the	Chris -
Sa -	tan's	cun -	ning	lies,	It	shines	with	truth	and	pard'n -
lav -	ish	gifts	re -	ceived	A	life	e -	quipped	for	works
Word	a -	gainst	the	flood	So	you	can	stand	all	through



'ry	hand,	Je -	ho -	vah's	Word	shall	ev -	er	stand.
tian's	trust,	While	haugh -	ty	em -	pires	lie	in	dust.
ing	grace	That	Christ	has	saved	our	hu -	man	race.
of	love	Which	glo -	ri -	fy	our	God	a -	bove.
your	days	Un -	til	heav'n's	glo -	ry	fills	your	gaze.

## Sermon: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

### Battle ready


## We Respond to God's Love

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God. and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/8 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and accessible, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God. and re - new a right'. The second staff continues: 'spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and'. The third staff continues: 'take not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.' The music uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

## Offering

As we bring our offerings forward to give them to our Lord, we sing:



1. Spread, oh, spread the might-y Word; Spread the king - dom of the Lord  
2. Tell of our Re - deem-er's love, Who for - ev - er does re - move  
3. Lord of har - vest, grant a - new, Joy and strength to work for you,

Ev - 'ry - where his breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.  
By his ho - ly sac - ri - fice All the guilt that on us lies.  
Till the gath - 'ring na - tions all See your light and heed your call.

CW 576 *Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word*

## Prayer

Jesus, you spoke God's Word during your ministry on earth that your believers would have the full measure of your joy in them. You gave them your Word and the world hated them, for your disciples are not of the world any more than you are of the world.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

You asked the Father not to take your followers out of the world but that he would protect them from the evil one. You requested the Father sanctify your believers with the truth; God's Word is truth.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

You prayed that those who believe through the message of the apostles would be one, just as the Father is in you and you are in the Father. You asked that the Father bring us into complete unity so the world would know that the Father sent you and loves us even as the Father loves you.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

You sought from the Father the blessing that we would be with you where you are and to see your glory, the glory the Father gave you because he loved you before the creation of the world.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

We ask for all these blessings on us because of your mercy, because of your grace. Enrich our lives with your Word to prepare us for our daily battles. There is so much beauty and good still in your creation, yet sin has corrupted your good gift and brings temptations, challenges, and dangers to our faith every day. Sanctify us by your Word, make us strong in your Word, and prepare us with your Word that we remain faithful and we remain loving to everyone around us.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

Give us the knowledge and skill to wield the sword that makes the wounded whole. Bring peace and comfort to all people that their Father loves them and forgives them at great cost to himself. Change hearts and lives with the holy Scriptures that make us wise for salvation.

### **I have hidden your word in my heart.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

Adapted from Jesus' prayer in John 17

For all our other needs we pray:

**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.**

## **SPEAK, O SAVIOR, I AM LISTENING – HYMN 283**



1. Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2. Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3. Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4. As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or To your  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you; Let your  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing; On your  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me That I

ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my whole life  
 Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
 bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your

through, Lord, light praise, I Flee Through death's From my may in ter - ror at your Word, and cold and drear - y night; glad an - thems you. Let your Word e'er But to all who Yes, they are my high - est

be my plea - sure And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 feel sin's bur - den You give peace and words of par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

## The Lord's Blessing

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.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

# O CHURCH, ARISE



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
 2. Our call to war to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see his foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and va - lor When faced with  
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the  
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his



lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 grave, this vic - t'ry march the con - tin - ues  
 grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which he died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

<b>Today</b>	10 am	Worship	<b>Calendar</b>
	11 am	Snacks	
	11:30 am	Sunday school – Scriptural truths for transgender challenges	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Bible study	
	7 pm	Bible study	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10 am	Worship and communion	
	11 am	Snacks	
	11:30 am	Sunday school – Scriptural truths for transgender challenges	

Serving this weekend		Serving next weekend
<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
<b>Musicians</b>	Holly & Daisy	Holly
<b>Greeters</b>	Tricia	Jocelyn
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg	Derek
<b>Snacks</b>	Jim & Jan	Sally
<b>Flowers</b>	Peggy & Ray	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Jill	
<b>Mowing</b>		
<b>Video</b>	Jill	Jocelyn

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