

Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A Six-Part Sermon Series



6) The Promised Deliverer

9:00 & 10:15 am July 12, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to our guests!

- We pray that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Our mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





The Common Service

The common service is based on the historic liturgy of the Christian Church.

Greeting

Hymn

On Eagle's Wings
Christian Worship 440

♪ **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!"**

*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand*

**2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear,
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. [Refrain]**

**3. 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. [Refrain]**

The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

You who are loved by 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.

Announcement of Forgiveness

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.

Amen.

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

Response of Praise

How Great Thou Art
Christian Worship 256:1,3

This hymn reflects on God's wonders in his work of Creation and Redemption.

♪ **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,**

**That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 3:15

God promises an offspring of Eve will be born who will destroy the devil.

I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.



Psalm of the Day

Psalm 89

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;
they exult in your righteousness.

**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.**

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-8

Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet

been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away our sins and in him there is no sin.

⁶Anyone who remains in him does not sin. The person who keeps on sinning has not seen him or known him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone deceive you. Whoever does what is right is righteous just as Jesus is righteous. ⁸The one who continues to sin is of the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. This is why the Son of God appeared: to destroy the works of the Devil.

Children's Message

All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area. Helpers and parents are welcome to join them.

Verse of the Day

(John 12:31)

Alleluia. Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 27:45-54

The Son of God died to destroy the works of the devil.

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land.

⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

⁵⁰After Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹Suddenly, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. ⁵²Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. ⁵³Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after

Jesus' resurrection and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Christian Worship 451

♪ Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.



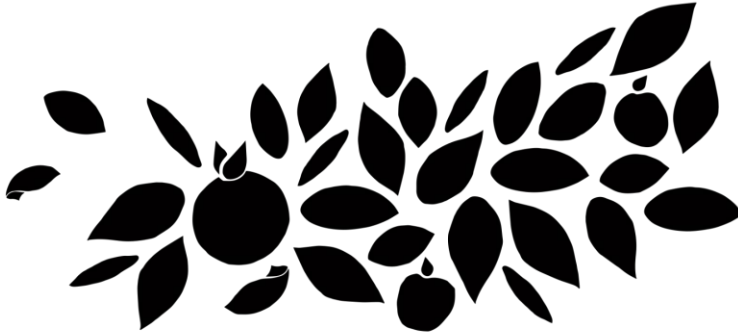
When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near

**And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**







Sermon

Genesis 3:15



Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

- 6/07  **The Trinity** (Genesis 1:1 - 2:3)
- 6/14  **The Image of God** (Genesis 1:26-28)
- 6/21  **The Garden of Eden** (Genesis 2:4-15)
- 6/28  **The Gift of Marriage** (Genesis 2:16-24)
- 7/05  **The Loss of Paradise** (Genesis 3:1-24)
- 7/12  **The Promised Deliverer** (Genesis 3:15)

Hymn of Response

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship 538:1-2

♪ **The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought
her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.**

Offerings Gathered

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Prayer of the Church

Sundays after Pentecost
Christian Worship page 127

Lord, Our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote and informed and responsible citizenry.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*
Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God, *Agnus Dei*



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.

Distribution

Rock of Ages Lutheran practices close communion. We ask that only members of Rock of Ages Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.

After the distribution please stand to sing:

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

And his mercy endures forever.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Amen.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship 538:3-5

**The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her
And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.**

**4. Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

**5. Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- That God would graciously protect the fire fighters and mercifully provide us with rain.
- Share your requests.

Attendance

7/01 & 02 Bible Study: 15

7/05 Sunday Worship: 50

Received in June: \$9,870.82

Received in July: \$5,442.32 (to date)

Healthy Habits

Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing. You are encouraged to socialize in the sanctuary area or outside rather than causing a crowded area in our narthex. Volunteers are sanitizing all shared touch points between services.

Serving This Week

Communion Setup: Marlene Nielsen

Flowers: Della Kary

Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Barthel

Ushers: (sign-up in narthex)

Acknowledgments

Cover artwork: Corissa Nelson © 2020

Scripture taken from The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version®, EHV®, © 2019 Wartburg Project, Inc. All rights reserved.

The following service items are printed under CCLI #2524351 or Onelicense.net #A 716430 all rights reserved, used by permission.

Order of Service "The Common Service" ©1993 - Northwestern Publishing House

"On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas © 1979, 1991, New Dawn Music

"Psalm 89" Refrain Tune: Steven Warner. © 1983 GIA Publications

All other printed music is public domain.

**Please take this service folder
home with you today.**

CALENDAR

rockofages-payson.com/calendar

Sunday, July 12 Pentecost 6

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper

10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

Monday, July 13

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 16

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, July 19 Pentecost 7

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

11:15am Voters' Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 23

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, July 26 Pentecost 8

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship



RockofAges-Payson.com

204 W. Airport Rd. Payson, AZ 85541 • Office: 928-474-2098 • pastorbarthel@gmail.com
Pastor Tom Barthel • Mobile: 928-612-8463