

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes you as you join with us in worship this day. May the Holy Spirit bless you with the message you hear from God’s Word, the prayers, the hymns, and the fellowship we share with you. Here is some information you might find helpful:

- A Nursery/Family Room is down the hallway past the offices.
- Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.
- Please fill out an attendance note pad in the chairs and place your sheet in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week.
- Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

HOLY COMMUNION: *We are very glad that you have joined us today for this worship service where we hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This church is in fellowship with other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As such, we believe and practice the biblical teaching that we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament (Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22). If you have a different understanding of Communion or are still learning about this biblical teaching, we love you enough to ask you not to receive Holy Communion this morning (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have any questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST

Our world enjoys labeling people. Whether by skin color, gender, economic status, ethnic background, political affiliation, age, or whatever else it may be, labels are popular. This sort of labeling divides people into categories and causes much strife and argument. There was labeling going on in Colossae as well: Greek, Jew, circumcised, uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free. But in Colossians, Paul gives us a label that we share and a label that leads not to divisive evil but to amazing generosity and love. Paul writes, "You have been raised with Christ." Imagine that. He doesn't say that you will one day in the future be raised with Christ (although that is also true), he says, "You have been raised with Christ." That is the label we are marked with in Holy Baptism. This comes to us by grace and calls forth from us a life abundant with generosity.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

(Hymns for today's worship will be played.)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

(Please take time now to fill out the attendance record book located in a chair on your row and place your sheet in the offering plate later in the service.)

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD *(Please stand if you are able.)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Enter God's place with thanksgiving.

People: **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Give thanks to God and bless His name.

People: **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

OPENING HYMN: WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK

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1 **With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.**

2 **Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.**

Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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CALL FOR CONFESSION *(Please be Seated)*

Pastor: Having been raised with Christ, let us confess our sin to God and to one another, trusting that Christ, who is all in all, forgives all sins.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have spent our time in vain pursuits.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have struggled to put off the old self with its practices.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS

Pastor: You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. You have been raised with Christ. You have been given a new self, which is being renewed after the image of God. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of life, You have raised us with Christ to be Your people.

People: **By the power of Your Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with thanksgiving to You that overflows in generosity toward You and our neighbors;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS PROPHET

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
 vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS APOSTLE

Colossians 3:1–11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49

Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Pastor: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

People: **Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.**

Pastor: This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.

People: **But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.**

**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.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS SON

Luke 12:13–21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required

of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

LSB 732



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH OUR PASTOR:

"LOOK UP AT HIM, NOT DOWN AT THINGS"

Colossians 3:1-11

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH USING THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand.)*

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 + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please be Seated*)

Pastor: Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

For the Church, that raised with Christ we put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus. In mercy,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness. In mercy,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [*Other petitions may be inserted here.*] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work. In mercy,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For this congregation, that, knowing God is God and that we have been raised with Christ, our lives be transformed from the old self with its selfish practices to life abundant with the new self, filled with generosity toward God and others. In mercy,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith. Guide us to follow those who have gone before us in faith in seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. In mercy,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

People: **Amen.**

WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

(The offering time is an opportunity for all of us to give thanks to God for the many ways He has blessed us. Members and regular attendees support God’s mission and ministry as He works through this congregation. Guests are welcome to give an offering, but are not expected to do so. Psalm 54:6; 116:12-14, 17)

OFFERTORY HYMN: WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

LSB 781

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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OUR LORD COMES TO US IN HIS BODY AND BLOOD

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

HOLY IS THE LORD

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, *Matthew 6:9-13*
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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Please be Seated)*

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

□ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

- 4 **Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**
- 5 **Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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WORDS OF DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Pastor:** Let us pray.
Thank You, triune God, for raising us to new life with Christ and filling us with His body and blood. Guide us to keep our possessions from possessing us, but instead to treasure Your mercy for us and for all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People:** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- Pastor:** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*
- People:** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

LSB 791

- 1 **All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.**
- 2 **Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.**
- 3 **O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.**
- 4 **For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.**
- 5 **△ To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.** *Public domain*

SENDING: LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

- Pastor:** As we go out this day, let us remember our mission is...
- People:** **Making an eternal impact today through the love of Jesus Christ.**

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