

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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THE LIFE OF FAITH IN THE PRINCE OF PEACE

“By faith . . .” With these words the writer to the Hebrews describes the manner of life of the saints of old. The writer records that “by faith” God’s people did things. They did not just believe stuff—they acted! This echoes James who challenges us, “Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2:18). Life is changing all around us. Entrusting our life and will to the care of the founder and perfecter of our faith, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, God’s people act . . . by faith.

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

Psalm 119:81–82, 88

Pastor: My soul longs for Your salvation;

People: I hope in Your word.

Pastor: My eyes long for Your promise;

People: I ask, “When will You comfort me?”

Pastor: In Your steadfast love give me life,

People: that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

OPENING HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

LSB 770

- 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev-’ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**
- 3 **Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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CALL FOR CONFESSION *(Please be Seated)*

Pastor: Loving God,

People: we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. Help us to know and believe how much You love us. Let us abide in Your love even as You abide in us always. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Pastor: O Lord, whose Word is like fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ, who is the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, who kindles a fire of love among all the peoples of the earth,

People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS

Pastor: Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a servant of Jesus, 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.

People: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Pastor: Glory be to God on high.



and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

LSB 523

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS APOSTLE

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By

faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS SON

Luke 12:49–53

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

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

Jesus said: "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

8:00 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

10:45 BAPTISM OF CILE AND KEIRA MILLER

HYMN OF THE DAY: MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

LSB 702

- 1 **My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**
- 2 **May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**
- 3 **While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**
- 4 **When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er
me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

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GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH OUR PASTOR:

“JESUS KNOWS YOUR DISTRESS AND JOY” *Luke 12:49-53, Hebrews 12:1-3*

8:00 WE CONFESS OUR FAITH USING THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. For faith to act in love and service to people, as we follow Jesus through the seasons and changes of life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace in the midst of conflict rather than freedom from it, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For kind pastors who speak the peace Jesus embodied through the Law and the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who hold positions of public trust in this and every land that all people may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the healing of the sick and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For life eternal under God's reign with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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: THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

LSB 973

Refrain: *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. (2X)*

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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OUR LORD COMES TO US IN HIS BODY AND BLOOD

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

HOLY IS THE LORD

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



IN CHRIST ALONE

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- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground Firm thru the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny,
No Pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

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FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

LSB 774

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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WORDS OF DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING TOWARD GOD

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING TOWARD US

Pastor: 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: HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

LSB 624

1 **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.**

2 **It make the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary rest.**

3 **Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**

4 **O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**

5 **How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

6 **Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!**

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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.**