

# 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:

- If you are a guest, please fill out one of the inserts and leave it in your seat at the end of the service. We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Out of health considerations, wearing a face covering is required throughout the service, especially during the times you are speaking or singing.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex as well as in both restrooms.
- Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. If you need to step out for a moment with your child, a Family Room is located right outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Changing Tables are located in the Restrooms.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *We are very glad that you have joined us today for this worship service as 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 day (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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## Prophet and Savior

There have always been many names and descriptions associated with Jesus Christ, and rightly so. As foretold in Isaiah, He would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Disciples would call Him Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. In our creedal confession, we acknowledge He is both true man and true God. All of these are right and proper, yet amid the many names and descriptions found in Scripture and the Confessions, we focus today on the fact that Jesus is both Prophet and Savior. The prophet Moses pointed to the greater Prophet, Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecies as the saving Word made flesh, who came as our Savior.

## Pre-Service Music

### Greeting/Announcements

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Opening Hymn: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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| <p><b>1</b> Blessed Jesus, at Your Word<br/>We are gathered all to hear You.<br/>Let our hearts and souls be stirred<br/>Now to seek and love and fear You,<br/>By Your teachings, sweet and holy,<br/>Drawn from earth to love You solely.</p> | <p><b>2</b> All our knowledge, sense, and sight<br/>Lie in deepest darkness shrouded<br/>Till Your Spirit breaks our night<br/>With the beams of truth unclouded.<br/>You alone to God can win us;<br/>You must work all good within us.</p> |
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### Confession and Absolution

Psalms 32:1–2, 5–7, 10

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.
- P** As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.
- P** As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.  
**C** Forgive us, Lord.
- P** With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

*Silence for reflection*

- P** I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**C** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**P** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.  
**C** You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

### Hymn: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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- 3** Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

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- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

## Hymn of Praise “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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- △ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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## Greeting

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Lord of all, by Your hands all things were made. In Your Word is power over order and chaos, light and darkness, life and death. Grant Your Spirit that we become instruments of Yours by Your grace, humbly serving You through the perfect Prophet and Savior of this world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## + God Speaks to Us Through His Word +

### God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Mark 1:21–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying,

"Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn of The Day: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

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### God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Jesus Is Greater" Mark 1:21-28

#### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

#### We Worship God with Our Offerings

*(Our offerings give us an opportunity 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)*

#### Installation of Church Officers

##### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [*including* . . .]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Blessing

Psalm 32:10

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\nabla$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

LSB 549

1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
3 Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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## + Our Lord Comes to Us in His Body and His Blood +

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!  
3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;

’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.

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## Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  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

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## Peace of the Lord

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

### “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.

He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

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## **“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.**
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,**

LSB 919

- And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.**
- 3 Abide with heav’nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error’s gloomy night.**

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