

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:

- 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.
- Please fill out an attendance sheet in the pad on the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week. Guests: We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- 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 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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God's Word of Wisdom and Understanding

Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.
C Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.
- P** Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,
C and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.
- P** Cast us not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
- P** Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

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| <p>1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.</p> <p>2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.</p> | <p>3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.</p> <p>△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.</p> |
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Confession and Forgiveness

- P** We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. 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.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

Hymn: “Create in Me”

LSB 956

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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 4:1–2, 6–9

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Scripture Song: "Ancient Words"

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where-'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

O let the ancient words impart.

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God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Mark 7:14–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him

about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Cheryl Bailes

Hymn: "By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Do Not Forget His Wisdom"

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

LSB 708:3

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
C and I will praise Thee without end.
- P** Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.
C 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)

Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.

Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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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.

♪ O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ♪

- 1 O holy, holy, holy, Lord,
The angel legions at Your Word
Defend Your kingdom from the foe
And bring Your saints to praise from woe.
- 2 So, Lord, we sing the ancient song,
We shout hosanna loud and long.
Lord, save us now from selfish ways
As we bring thanks and prayers and praise.

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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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Peace of the Lord

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

♪ O Lamb of God and Bread of Life ♪

- 1 O Lamb of God and Bread of Life,
You take away the sin and strife
That cling so closely to our souls.
O Living Bread, come, make us whole.
- 2 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray,
So year by year and day by day
Your Word of grace would be passed down—
Each generation's peace and crown.

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Hymn: "O Lord, We Praise Thee:

LSB 617

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB 622

1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Blessing

P 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.

G Amen.

Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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