



# 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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## What Good Is It?

We focus today on the words of James, which call us to an active faith that loves our neighbors. We are forced to ask ourselves: What good is a faith that bears no fruit of love and service to others? Such a question might make us worry about our salvation. Friends in Christ: do not fear; your living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with His good works. Christ powerfully works in us as we live out our daily vocations. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## 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

Based on Psalm 146

**P** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C** I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

**P** Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

**C** the LORD sets the prisoners free.

**P** The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**C** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

**P** The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

**C** The LORD will reign forever!

## Hymn: “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

LSB 844

1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev’ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.

2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side.  
My neighbor’s good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.

3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.

Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.

4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb’ring Thee.

5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where’er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.

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## Call for Confession

**P** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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 mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## God Forgives Our Sins

- P** By grace, you are known and loved by the One eternal God, who wills all that is best for you. Through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, He has brought about the forgiveness of your sins. As a called servant of Christ, who sets us free, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord strengthen you with power through His life-giving Spirit so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn: “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

LSB 737

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev’rything,  
Your portion shall remain.
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy,  
Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
Your shield and great reward.

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## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father 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**

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Hymn: "Let It Be Said of Us"**

Steve Fry

#### **1. Let it be said of us**

That the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore  
Ev'ry cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight,  
That we finished our course  
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord

Refrain: Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song,  
By mercy made holy,  
By the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory

And the Lord be our song  
'Till the likeness of Jesus  
Be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song.

#### **2. Let it be said of us:**

We were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love  
And delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by his peace,  
Heeding unity's call,  
Joined as one body  
That Christ would be seen by all. Refrain 2x's

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### **God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle**

James 2:1–10, 14–18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my

beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Mark 7:24–37

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

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

From there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

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

## Children's Message: Pastor

### Hymn: "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.

- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 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: "Faith: It's a Matter of Life"

James 2:14-18

### Nicene 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

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Lord of all nations, grant us grace  
**C** to love all people in every place.

- P** For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.
- 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: "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.**
- 3** **Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.**

- 4 To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

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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.

## ♪Holy Lord, We All Adore Thee♪

- 1 Holy Lord, we all adore Thee,  
God of healing, pow'r, and grace.  
Earth and heav'n teem with Your glory  
As You reign through time and space.  
Blessed is the King's returning,  
Which will count us as restored.  
Blessed are those who keep on yearning  
With hosannas to their Lord.

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## The 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## ♪Lamb of God, Your Blood Has Bought Us♪

- 1 Lamb of God, Your blood has bought us.  
We are freed from sin and shame.  
Lamb of God, Your mercy taught us  
How to pray, praise, and proclaim.  
Help us, Lord, to show compassion  
Without prejudice or spite.  
Share Your peace, Lord, without ration,  
Helping us reflect Your light.

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## Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

LSB 622

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| 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared<br>This feast for our salvation;<br>It is Your body and Your blood,<br>And at Your invitation<br>As weary souls, with sin oppressed,<br>We come to You for needed rest,<br>For comfort, and for pardon.       | 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined<br>To any habitation;<br>But You are present even now<br>Here with Your congregation.<br>Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,<br>Unmoved by any daring hand<br>Or subtle craft and cunning.                   |
| 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,<br>Where angel hosts are dwelling,<br>And in Your presence they behold<br>Your glory, all excelling,<br>And though Your people shall not see<br>Your glory and Your majesty<br>Till dawns the judgment morning, | 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,<br>Your precious Word believing<br>That Your true body and Your blood<br>Our lips are here receiving.<br>This Word remains forever true;<br>All things are possible with You,<br>For You are Lord Almighty. |

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## Post-Communion Hymn: "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.

- △ 3 **With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.**

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- Ⓟ Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have renewed us by the body and blood of Christ. Empower and energize us to serve our neighbors in faith toward You and fervent love toward all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- Ⓒ **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

- Ⓟ 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.

- Ⓒ **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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