

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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Finding Hope in the Midst of Doubt

When times are tough. When you feel alone, tired, broken or defeated, this is when you need real hope: To be a part of something bigger than yourself. To have a community that carries one another's burdens. To join with neighbors, arm-in-arm, to make a difference. You can find that and so much more right here in church: a place to belong and be renewed, where you can find answers to life's deepest questions. And most importantly, the hope that can only be found in Christ Jesus. So welcome to church. Expect great things because "Hope is Here!"

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.

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33

P Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

G And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

P Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

G Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

P Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

G Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

Hymn: "O Worship the King"

LSB 804

1 O worship the King,
all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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Call for Confession

Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6

- P** As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**
- P** As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**
- P** As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**
- P** As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.**
- P** As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.**
- P** As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

Scripture Song: "I Come to the Cross"

Bill Somma and Bill Batstone

Congregation:

**I come to the cross
Seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross
Where You died in my place
Out of my weakness
And into Your strength
Humbly I come to the cross.**

Solo by Butch Nye:

Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.

Congregation:

**I come to the cross
Seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross
Where You died in my place
Out of my weakness
And into Your strength
Humbly I come to the cross.
Jesus, I come,
Jesus, I come,
Jesus, I come to the cross.**

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God Forgives Our Sins

- P** As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a servant of Jesus the 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.**

P And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

Greeting

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord God,

C You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire;

P 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

Isaiah 51:4–6

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00) Choir: “A Celebration of Thanks” Nancy Price and Don Besig / Harold Flammer Music

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Jude 20–25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have

mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 20:24–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Hymn: “If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”

LSB 486, tune of LSB 661

- 1 **If Christ had not been raised from death**
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.
- 2 **If Christ still lay within the tomb**
Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!
- 3 **If Christ had not been truly raised**
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.

But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Hope for the Doubter"

John 20:24-29

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 Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. When doubt arises in our lives, strengthen our faith, so we may continue to confess with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [*especially* . . .], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who serve as first responders in our communities. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. 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: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.</p> <p>2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.</p> | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> <p>4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.</p> |
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(10:45AM) Baptism of Noah Emmanuel Rios

+ 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: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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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 I 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.

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Lamb of God

LSB 163



C 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.

Hymn: "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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Hymn: "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

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| <p>1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.</p> | <p>2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!</p> |
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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: "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

- ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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