

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes you as you join with us in worship this evening. 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.

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Wait Upon the Lord With Hope
Advent Midweek – December 8, 2021

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon Our God

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous.

P Wait upon the Lord. That's what Isaiah said.

C Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

P They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

C They shall run and not be weary.

P They shall walk and not faint. Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

Hymn: "Hark The Glad Sound"

Chesterfield CM

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Call for Confession

P God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

Lord, Have Mercy

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

P Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Isaiah the prophet; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

C Amen.

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Isaiah 40:27-31

P Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Video “Christmas Hope”

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Romans 8:22-25

P For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Acclamation

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Hallelujah!

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 1:1-5

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the

beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Sermon Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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**Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.**

**Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.**

**For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.**

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes “Waiting In Hope”

Isaiah 40:27-31

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)

Prayer of the Church

P Heavenly Father, we wait for you.

C More than watchmen wait for the morning—

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C Lead us in your truth and teach us

P For you are the God of our salvation.

C For you we wait all the day long.

P O God, inspire us to wait for you faithfully.

C Serve you joyfully.

P And give to others generously.

C Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick.

P Courage for the fainthearted.

C Hope for the discouraged.

P And great clarity for all in the valley of decision.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

P May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

C As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.

Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Jefferson 87 87 D

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Family Advent Conversation

- 1. What did/do you hope to be when you grow up?**
- 2. What are some reasons that we hope for things?**
- 3. What does putting our hope in Jesus do for us?**