

# **LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Montgomery, Texas

Life Sunday

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# 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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# Sanctity of Life Sunday 2022 — Lutherans for Life

## God Chose You . . . and That Changes Everything

### Pre-Service Music

### Greeting/Announcements

### Video: “God Knew Your Name”

James Likens

### 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.

### Hymn: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

LSB 909

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever  
And our confidence alone.

3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from You, forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

2 To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all Your loving-kindness,  
Hear Your people as they pray;  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within these walls today.

△ 4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

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### Confession and Absolution

**P** Thus says the Lord: No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death.  
*Ecclesiastes 8:8*

**C** Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we humbly confess that we have not received every member of our race as gift and privilege. We have presumed to exercise Your authority over life and death.

**P** Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?  
*Job 31:15*

**C** We have not acknowledged our own helplessness reflected in our neighbor’s needs. We have not beheld Your image imprinted upon their bodies and our own.

**P** Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. *Matthew 10:21*

**C** We have despised belonging to You. We have denied responsibility for one another.

**P** Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.  
*Matthew 25:40*

**C** We have let our lips lie silent rather than advocating for the lowly. We have left our hands idle instead of aiding them.

- P** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked . . . and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. *Ephesians 2:1, 3*
- C** **We have worshiped our own desires. We have not served according to Your design.**
- P** Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. *Genesis 9:6*
- C** **We were brought forth in sin and have become altogether unrighteous. We have done what is evil in your sight and deserve the punishment we have brought upon ourselves.**
- P** Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home. *Psalms 68:5-6*
- C** **Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we repent of our condition. We plead for Your pardon and Your intervention. Do not cast us off but make us whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Substitute, and the only Savior. Amen.**
- P** Thus says the Lord your God: You “have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you.” He has given Himself in Jesus Christ. By His shed blood Your sin is atoned for, and by His risen body Your iniquity is taken away. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Isaiah 46:3-4*
- C** **Amen.**

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

LSB 549

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| <p><b>1</b> All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!<br/> Let angels prostrate fall;<br/> Bring forth the royal diadem<br/> And crown Him Lord of all.<br/> Bring forth the royal diadem<br/> And crown Him Lord of all.</p> | <p>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/> To Him all majesty ascribe<br/> And crown Him Lord of all.</p>  |
| <p><b>6</b> Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,<br/> On this terrestrial ball<br/> To Him all majesty ascribe</p>  | <p><b>7</b> Oh, that with yonder sacred throng<br/> We at His feet may fall!<br/> We’ll join the everlasting song<br/> And crown Him Lord of all.<br/> We’ll join the everlasting song<br/> And crown Him Lord of all.</p> |

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## Prayer of the Day

- P** Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right

is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Scripture Song: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

LSB 735

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| <b>1</b> Have no fear, little flock;<br>Have no fear, little flock,<br>For the Father has chosen<br>To give you the Kingdom;<br>Have no fear, little flock!         | <b>3</b> Praise the Lord high above;<br>Praise the Lord high above,<br>For He stoops down to heal you,<br>Uplift and restore you;<br>Praise the Lord high above!            |
| <b>2</b> Have good cheer, little flock;<br>Have good cheer, little flock,<br>For the Father will keep you<br>In His love forever;<br>Have good cheer, little flock! | <b>4</b> Thankful hearts raise to God;<br>Thankful hearts raise to God,<br>For He stays close beside you,<br>In all things works with you;<br>Thankful hearts raise to God! |

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### New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 15:12–17

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

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

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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

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

## Children's Message

### Hymn: "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

LSB 573

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy grace not chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;

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For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

## God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "God Chose You" John 15:12-17

### Apostles' Creed

**G** 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  $\text{✝}$  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)*

### Prayers

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Today we pray for those who are in our thoughts and prayers throughout the week, especially....  
Lord, in your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** God the Father, Almighty Maker of body and spirit,

**G** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of humankind,  
**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,  
**C** **have mercy.**

**P** For Your rich grace whatever our ages and appearances; for Your great mercy notwithstanding our skills or circumstances; for the forgiveness of our sins; for our salvation from death; for the resurrection of our flesh; for everlasting life in Your presence; and for our inheritance of the new creation,

**C** **All thanks and praise to You, O Lord.**

**P** By Your love as Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit; by Your incarnation as embryo in the womb and Your birth in a manger from the virgin Mary; by Your growth and obedience as a Son among us; by Your tears for our wounds and Your touch upon our weaknesses, Your bearing our sicknesses and carrying our sorrows; by Your own incapacitation upon the cross and Your death in sweat and blood; by Your rising to life again, leaving even our grave empty and abiding ever beside us; by Your ascension to exalt our nature, order our days, and prepare a place for us; and by Your coming again in glory for our immortality,

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners ask You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To bring an end to abortion and euthanasia; to banish from among us the production and destruction of embryonic brothers and sisters; to turn the hearts of those who permit, promote, or participate in violence against life; to strengthen all medical professionals always to care and never to kill; to move all public officials and elected authorities in support of policies, laws, and verdicts that protect the least of these; to defend our land from division, from aggression, and from the deception of death used as a solution; and to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,

**C** **We ask You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To preserve from despair everyone facing infertility, surprise pregnancy, disability, or terminal diagnosis; to relieve those burdened by gender dysphoria; to liberate any enslaved by adultery or perversion; to deliver those scheduled for abortion; to grant safe homes and healthy families to those awaiting adoption; to absolve the guilt and ease the grief of those broken by the abortion of their own children; to work comfort and peace within those surviving the suicides of loved ones; to uphold and heal those suffering discomfort and disease; and to give all who are approaching death a blessed end,

**C** **We ask You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To gladden us in celebrating gifts of marriage, family, and length of days; to give us courage in speaking Your truth and compassion in showing Your love; to make us ambassadors of Gospel joy in every difficulty and agents of Gospel hope in all affliction; to impart gentleness and respect to our words and bestow sensitivity and winsomeness on our ways; and to bid us rejoice when any heart changes and delight with every saved life,

**C** **We ask You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

### Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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: "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.

And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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## 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.

## 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  $\nabla$  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."

## Peace of the Lord

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

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: "The Lamb"

LSB 547

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| 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,<br>O Father, where's the sacrifice?<br>Faith sees, believes<br>God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain    | 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,<br>As wayward sheep their shepherd kill<br>So still, His will<br>On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain     |
| ref Worthy is the Lamb<br>whose death makes me His own!<br>The Lamb is reigning on His throne!                                      | 4 He sighs, He dies,<br>He takes my sin and wretchedness.<br>He lives, forgives,<br>He gives me His own righteousness.<br>Refrain |
| 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,<br>One perfect final offering.<br>The Lamb, the Lamb,<br>Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.<br>Refrain | 5 He rose, He rose,<br>My heart with thanks now overflows.<br>His song prolong<br>Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain         |

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## Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

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| 1 Chief of sinners though I be,<br>Jesus shed His blood for me,<br>Died that I might live on high,<br>Lives that I might never die.<br>As the branch is to the vine,<br>I am His, and He is mine. | Lasting as eternity!<br>Love that found me—wondrous thought!<br>Found me when I sought Him not.   |
| 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,<br>Higher than the heav'ns above,<br>Deeper than the depths of sea,  | 3 Only Jesus can impart<br>Balm to heal the wounded heart,<br>Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,<br>Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,<br>Faith and hope to walk with God<br>In the way that Enoch trod. |

4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God, for Your kindness in the face of our greatest need. Help us to reflect Your great love, living in the forgiveness of sins and proclaiming the liberty of Your everlasting kingdom to all; through Jesus Christ, 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: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.**

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