

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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Blessed or Cursed?

During the middle weeks of the winter season, many homes receive catalogs in the mail from seed and nursery companies that are filled with pictures of beautiful plants and trees. It is easy to project what we see in those catalogs into our own yards and gardens. But before we do any ordering, we must consider whether we can provide settings in which those plants and trees can flourish. In both the Old Testament Reading and the Psalm of the Day, we are given images not only of plants and trees that flourish, but of people who flourish—people with faith in the Lord Jesus, who bring blessings in every season.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b

- A** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
C O LORD, be my helper.
- A** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- A** The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
C which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Hymn: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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| <p>1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!</p> <p>2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me. Where we find Thee and adore Thee,</p> | <p>There a heav’n on earth must be. To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!</p> <p>3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown. Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone, So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.</p> |
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Call for Confession

- A** Let us now make confession of our sins. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

A Assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our darkened, sinful nature, are estranged from God, and by our thoughts, words, and deeds have sinned and deserve His condemnation now and eternally.

C Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Although we deserve Your just punishment, we ask for Your unmerited blessing. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be made bright by Your presence in our lives, joyfully serving You in time and through eternity.

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

God Forgives Our Sins

P And now in full faith, know and firmly believe that the Lord has shown mercy upon you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"

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Greetings

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

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray.

O Lord, You bless the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people when they call upon You, and give us faith to believe Your kingdom belongs to the humble of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

- C** Amen.

+ God Speaks to Us Through His Word +

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Jane Southwick Cool

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no

resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

L Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

P “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Tim Douglas

Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Early Easter"

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Catechism

The Second Article

- A** Let us now confess the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that tells of the redemption we receive from our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **I believe 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.**
- A** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**
- who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**
- that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**
- just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**
- This is most certainly true.**

Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Celebrating the presence of the Lord in our midst, we pray for an increase of the Word, asking that God's messengers may continue to speak with power among us, bringing us the Good News of sins forgiven in Christ alone. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- A** Plant us like trees by living waters, that we bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. By Your Spirit, direct our lives that we live as God's holy people. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- A** Grant that Your blessing of peace be experienced throughout the world and that we as Your peaceable people shine brighter with the light of Your love. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

- A** In this time of prayer, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered, and that they may be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- A** Grant that we be numbered among the blessed who bring aid to the poor, food to the hungry, comfort to the sorrowing, and hope to the despairing. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- A** With gratitude, we remember those sisters and brothers in Christ whose earthly journeys are finished and who now enjoy the promised Sabbath rest. Grant that we be guided in ways that honor their earthly lives as we anticipate the heavenly life that is to come. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- A** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **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"

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.</p> |
| <p>2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!</p> | <p>6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.</p> |

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+ Our Lord Comes to Us in His Body and His Blood +

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Hymn: "Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

LSB 949

- 1 Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship
"Holy, holy, holy" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High."

**Praise and honor, pow'r and glory,
Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father's throne.**

- 2 All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory,
Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures
And to everlasting days!**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body, soul, and spirit, and finally that we be granted our places with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C 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 ✠ 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.

Lamb of God

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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, grant us peace.

Hymn: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

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| 1 | Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face. | 3 | Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word. Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire. |
| 2 | Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still. | 4 | Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace. |

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, again in Your kindness You have granted us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your Table of grace. Strengthen us through what we have here received, and keep us steadfast in faith and hope throughout our pilgrimage on earth, until as invited guests we feast with Christ the Lamb in His kingdom at the heavenly banquet. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Final Blessings

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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