

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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In View of God's Mercy
Lent Midweek: March 23, 2022
Mercy in Betrayal

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9

Pre-Service Music

Guest Organist this evening is Nadine Wilkinson

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon Our God

(from 2 Corinthians 13:14, 1 Peter 3:9 and Psalm 34:13-15, 17-18, 22)

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

C Amen.

P Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C Amen.

Hymn "Come to Calv'ry's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled without, within.
From infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin.
Wash your robes and make them white; ye shall walk with God in light.

**Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; they that drink shall thirst no more.**

**They that drink shall live forever; 'tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when he was glorified.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:10-11). We confess to God that we have often spoken evil and lived deceitfully. We have turned from good to do evil and have pursued betrayal rather than peace.

C **Holy God, we acknowledge that we have betrayed you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not kept our tongues from evil, especially when slandering others. We have not sought peace with others, but have pursued sinful revenge. Forgive our transgressions. Bring reconciliation and restoration to our relationship with you and our relationships with others.**

P We cry to you for mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God's Word declares that “the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer” (1 Peter 3:12). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sin and gives you his righteousness, making you righteous in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness. We pray 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 Prophet

Jonah 3:1-10

P Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from

their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Video Song: “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

Stuart Townend

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle 1 Peter 3:9-12

- P** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

God Speaks to Us Through His Son, Matthew 26:47-50

- P** While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

Sermon Hymn: “Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453

**Upon the cross extended see, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so sore abused you
And caused you all your woe?
We all must make confession of sin and dire transgression
While you no ways of evil know.**

**I caused your grief and sighing by evils multiplying
As countless as the sands.
I caused the woes unnumbered with which your soul is cumbered,
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.**

**Your soul in griefs unbounded, your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring, the crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.**

**Your cross I place before me; its saving pow’r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending, be guiding and attending
My way to your eternal rest.**

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: “We’re All Traitors”

Matthew 26:47-50

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** Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who betray you by our disobedience to your will.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see the price of grace.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through the Word.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** We praise you that your faithfulness to us is great and your mercies are new to us every morning.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will say no to traitorous sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
- C** Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.
- P** All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who suffered in our stead the penalty for betrayal.
- C** Amen.

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.

Blessing

- P** May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive the treachery of traitors, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever!
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LSB 570

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**