

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.

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**In View of God's Mercy
Lenten Midweek: April 6, 2022
Mercy in Service**

God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship (2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:4-7; Mark 10:43-45)

L 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.

L Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

C We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

L Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

C We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

L Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.

C We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

L Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

C We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

L Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

C We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

L For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

C Amen.

Hymn "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

LSB 852

O God of mercy, God of might, in love and pity infinite;
Teach us, as ever in thy sight, to live our lives in thee.

And thou, who cam'st on earth to die that our lost world might live thereby,
O hear us; for to thee we cry, in hope, O Lord, to thee.

Teach us the lesson thou hast taught: to feel for those thy blood hath bought;
That ev'ry word and deed and thought may work a work for thee.

All are redeemed, both far and wide, since thou, O Lord, for all hast died.
Grant us the will and grace provide to love them all in thee!

In sickness, sorrow, want or care, may we each other's burdens share.
May we, where help is needed, there give help as unto thee!

And may thy Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love
Till thou shalt greet in heav'n above all those who live in thee.

Confession and Forgiveness

L The scriptures sum up God's law, his demands upon us, in these two commands: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31). But these commands we fail to keep. Our love for God is far from full, and our love for others is incomplete. We seek to serve ourselves rather than to serve God and others. Thus we acknowledge our sin and seek God's mercy.

C **God of love, you love us with a perfect love. But you also demand that we love you and others perfectly. This we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You would be perfectly just to punish us now and forevermore. For the sake of your Son, the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our self-centered and self-serving ways. Lead us to serve you and those you have placed into our lives.**

L 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.)

L Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We thank you for sending Jesus to be the Suffering Servant who gave his life so that we might live eternally. In view of your mercy, remake us into willing servants who live to serve you and others. Sanctify us by your Spirit to humbly serve the needs of those around us as we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray these things in his holy name.

C **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Micah 6:7-8

L "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

LSB 848

Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,

**We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.**

**Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

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God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Hebrews 6:9-12

- L** Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 13:12-17

- L** When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Sermon Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 707

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by thy Word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget thy way, restore thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in thy commands—'tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: “Served to Serve”

John 13:12-17

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

L Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as your servants.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You call us to serve you by serving others, so guide us to recognize those who you send to us to serve.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You call us to serve one another as you have served us, so empower us to follow the example of Jesus who washed feet.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Give us insight to perceive the needs of others and to respond by serving the cares of body and soul.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Give us humility to count others more important than ourselves and to attend to their interests above our own.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Give us compassion to see others in distress and then to aid and assist.

C Lord, have mercy.

L In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to give mercy to others and so extend your mercy in the world.

C Lord, have mercy.

L May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

C Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.

L All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us all.

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

L May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive your self-serving sin, direct you to serve others in his name and through his power, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

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 hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**