

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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Maundy Thursday: Mercy in Bread and Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation and Call to Worship

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 Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L He who has no money, come, buy and eat without price.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L Listen diligently to me, says the Lord; eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L I will make with you an everlasting covenant.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L This is my body which is for you. ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

C Come to the feast of the Lord.

L For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Amen.

Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on you today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, your body broken and your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love retold;
All that you are we here receive, and all we are to you we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim your love until you come to bring your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be your welcomed guest in heaven's high and holy feast.

Confession and Forgiveness

- L** On the night in which He was betrayed Jesus took bread and wine and gave it to his disciples as the meal of the New Covenant. This day as we prepare to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, we confess that we have betrayed our Lord by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. We repent of that sin, and we seek God's mercy to forgive our iniquity.
- C** **Most merciful God, we are not worthy to receive you. We are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed your Word and disregarded your will for us. We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed his body and blood for our salvation, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.**

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: "the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). 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, in the Upper Room you left us a memorial of your passion in a wonderful meal of forgiveness and life. Grant that we may share in this sacred supper of your body and blood so that your redeeming work may continue to abide in us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to remember him who comes to us in the bread and wine. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Exodus 16:4-5

- L** Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

6:30 Choir "In Remembrance"

Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- L** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 26:26-29

- L** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples,

and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Sermon Hymn "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least, himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**He who his saints in this world rules and shields, to all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow as in this feast of love you bless us now.**

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes "Communion: It's More Than the Eye Can See"

Matthew 26:26-29

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 Loving Lord Jesus, we approach your table of grace today as unworthy guests.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You invite us to eat the bread and drink the wine of salvation.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You invite us to receive your body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sin.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You invite us to do this in remembrance of you, as we appropriate the fruit of your sacrificial death.

C Lord, have mercy.

L You invite us to proclaim your death by partaking in this covenant meal of grace.

C Lord, have mercy.

L In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to recognize your presence and receive in true faith the benefits of this meal—the forgiveness of sin, eternal life and the gift of salvation.

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

L Give us this day your holy bread to forgive us our trespasses and deliver us from evil.

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.

Holy Communion

Psalms 51

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

C Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

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."

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

As the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ are distributed, please meditate upon the heavenly peace and restoration that comes to us through this Sacrament.

Distribution Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

LSB 621, 1-4

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,

He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

**4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence**

**As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”**

Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Because this service continues tomorrow, we do not close with a blessing this day.

Closing Hymn “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to thee my heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed on me thy body and thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, with joy and say: what wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: how blessed am I! How good thou art!**

Final Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:30-32

**[L] And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
“You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the
sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”**

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

We depart in silence.

***Service will continue tomorrow
at 4:00 and 6:30pm.***