

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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Good Friday: Mercy in the Cross

"God made us alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2:13-14

Pre-Service *We begin today's service in quiet meditation as we ended yesterday's.*

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 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

L Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

L He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

L Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

L With his stripes we are healed.

C In the death of Christ we have life.

L He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

C In the death of Christ we have life. Amen.

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Confession and Forgiveness

L The scripture declares: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). On this solemn day we reflect upon our waywardness and how our sin sent Jesus to die upon the cross.

C Most merciful God, we view our Lord Jesus nailed to the cross. We confess that it is our sin

that condemned him to this horrific death. We acknowledge that our transgressions deserve eternal death for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who was crucified as the penalty for our sin, forgive us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we honor him who died for us, 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 Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). 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 so that you might be made righteous through him. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L Gracious Lord, for us and for our salvation you were willing to be beaten, scourged, nailed to a cross and suffer death despite your innocence. Thank you for bearing the curse of our sin and for dying in our stead. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Isaiah 25:6-9

L On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

6:30 Choir: "Before the Cross of Christ I Stand"

Mary Kay Beall/John Carter

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Colossians 2:13-15

L And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 23:33-49

L And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the

Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

6:30 Solo: "He Was Despised" from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel, composer

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Mercy in the Goodness of the Cross"

Luke 23:33-49

Sermon Hymn: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.**

Offering will be taken at the door when you leave.

(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 cross with sorrow over sin.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Remind us of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made in his suffering and death.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Rekindle in us a deep appreciation for the pains that he bore for us and for our salvation.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Reconcile us by the blood of Jesus so that we may dwell with you in righteousness.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Restore to us the image of Christ through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to respond to Jesus' death by living for him, to the glory of your holy name.

C **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing.**

L For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer – Spoken softly

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.

Chorale Prelude: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Joshua M. Pillows, composer

Closing Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450, 1, 2, 3 (tune of LSB 449)

Removal of the Christ Candle: *Reminder that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before He died for the sins of the world.*

Tolling of the Bell: *The bell is tolled 33 times in remembrance of the years Christ walked this earth.*

Strepitus: *Sounded to symbolize the closing of Christ's tomb.*

The congregation exits silently.

The service continues Easter morning....

Easter Sunrise Service

6:45am

Easter Celebration Services

9:15am & 10:45am

