

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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Freedom in Christ

As we again celebrate our nation's independence, we will hear much about freedom. As citizens, we give thanks for the blessings we have and for the many who fought for and paid the price for our liberties. Yet as Christians, we do not need an annual holiday to recognize true freedom. Daily we hold fast to the wonderful news that the battle has been fought and the price has been paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we may have freedom from sin, eternal death, and the devil. Today we hear the Spirit-inspired words of the apostle Paul in Galatians and learn more about what real freedom is, receiving guidance for lives lived in that freedom and the fruits freely given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Pre-Service Music

Prelude: "Prelude on Thaxted"


John Behnke

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Video: "Independence Day - Celebrate Freedom"

Church Fuel

We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Genesis 1:1–10, 20–21; Galatians 5:1, 16, adapted

P For freedom Christ has set us free;

G **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

P Walk by the Spirit,

G **and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717

1 **Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep**

**Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

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P And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717

2 **O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;**

**Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.**

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- P** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717

- 3** O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might

Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

Confession and Absolution

Galatians 5:1, 16

- P** Eternal Father, strong to save, in the beginning You created all things good: the sea, the land, the air, the creatures in their rightful place, and the crown of Your creation, humanity, which was very good and intended for a perfect relationship with You. Sin ceased the perfect world, and because of that we come to You in confession of our faults and failings.

- C** We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Our eternal Father is strong to save and has done that in giving His only-begotten Son into this once-perfect world to be the only needed sacrifice for our sins so we and all creation may be renewed, redeemed, and restored in relationship with Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

- P** For freedom Christ has set us free;

- C** stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

- P** Walk by the Spirit,

- C** and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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- 4** O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,

Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Greeting

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** God of all nations, we thank You for our free land and the liberties we treasure. Guide Your people by Your Spirit that this nation may set an example to the world of justice and freedom. From the blessings of the past to the present, grant all future prosperity according to Your will. Give all

peoples of all lands and nations faith in You that glory may be brought to Your name and eternal blessings to all people throughout Your created world; 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 Word +

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Scripture Video: "True Freedom"

MinistryFlix

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 5:43–48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Janice Stille

Hymn: “O God of Love, O King of Peace”

LSB 751 tune of 461

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| 1 O God of love, O King of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease; The rage of nations now restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again! | 3 Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but on Thy faithful Word? None ever called on Thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again! |
| 2 Remember, Lord, Thy works of old, The wonders that Thy people told; Remember not our sins' dark stain: Give peace, O God, give peace again! | 4 Where saints and angels dwell above, All hearts are knit in holy love; O bind us in that heav'nly chain: Give peace, O God, give peace again! |

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes:

"Those Who Belong to Christ Are Truly Free"

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Creed

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the church of God, this nation, all nations, and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, You have given all we need for this body and life with Your creation and

providential care. Help us see from the earthly to the eternal the greatest gift You have given in Your Son that we may be and remain forgiven and free.

Hymn: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,

Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

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P We give You thanks for this land in which we are citizens, even as we are assured of our citizenship in heaven. Bless our country that Your wisdom, justice, compassion, and mercy be unveiled through those placed in leadership. Be with all nations in the world that wars may end, the greater good of all people be worked for, and peace had among all.

Hymn: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

2 The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.

For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

P As You have given humanity, the crown of Your creation, dominion over all You have made, enable and empower us to be good and faithful stewards of everything we are blessed to have, including our time, our treasures, our abilities, and the very earth with which we are blessed. Grant that our work, vocations, and relationships honor and glorify You in all we do.

Hymn: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

3 May ev’ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!

May ev’ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

P We pray for those who face suffering and strife in body, mind, and spirit [*especially . . .*]. Grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. As we face the consequences of sin and the troubles of temptation around us each day, draw us near to our Savior Jesus Christ, who has set us free with full forgiveness through His victory over the cross and the grave, until that Last Day when all things will be made new.

Hymn: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966

4 Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

5 And when in pow’r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav’n’s high King
Salvation’s song!

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P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through 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)

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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

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

Holy is the Lord

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- 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.

Catechism

The Fourth Petition

- P** As we receive the life-giving bread Christ has given to us by His own body, we give thanks to You for the daily bread also provided for us out of Your grace. As we pray, “Give us this day our daily bread,” what does this mean?
- C** God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
- P** What is meant by daily bread?
- C** Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.
- P** Lord, 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.

G Amen.

Lamb of God

LSB 163



G 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.

Hymn: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

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Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

LSB 623

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

- 3 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.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 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.

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Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Closing Sentences

Galatians 5:1, 16

- P** For freedom Christ has set us free;
C stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- P** Walk by the Spirit,
C and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

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.
C Amen.

Hymn: “God Bless Our Native Land”

LSB 965

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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SENDING: LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

P As we go out this day, let us remember our mission is...

C Making an eternal impact today through the love of Jesus Christ.

Postlude: “Battle Hymn Tribute”

John Behnke

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