

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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Faith in Trial

Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. Today, the emphasis is on the trials they endured because of their faith. Unlike the false prophets in the Old Testament Reading, they had heard and believed the promises of God. No wonder faith in Christ, especially when it goes through trials, inevitably produces conflict with any unbelieving people near us, even though they might be members of our family! Today is a day to resolve to run the race with endurance, following our Lord Jesus, acting on faith each day until it is turned to sight.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

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.

Hymn: "In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818

1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Confession and Absolution

Hebrews. 12:1–2

P Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our Lord's sacrifice in our place.

Gracious heavenly Father,

G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P People of God, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right

hand of the throne of God,” we can be confident that He fulfilled all God’s promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

LSB 814

**1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.**

**2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!**

**3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.**

**4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

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Greeting

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Strengthen our faith so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace;

P 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 Son

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Scripture Video "A Seed of Faith"

Church Fuel

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message: Commissioning and Prayer for Sunday School Teachers

Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Following Jesus, No Matter What"

Luke 12:49-53

Apostles’ Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Psalm 119:81; Hebrews 11:19, 22–23

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

Abraham “considered that God was able even to raise [Isaac from] the dead.”

We join our prayers with people who have heard only bad news and ignored God’s promises. Open their ears that they may hear the Good News proclaimed by the Church here and around the world. Grant them opportunity to rely on Your gracious promises, heavenly Father. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** **My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

- P** “Joseph made mention of the exodus of the Israelites,” even while they were enslaved in Egypt.

Let us pray for people who are deprived of justice, who are addicted to drugs and live in destructive communities, and all who are without hope of change. Renew in them, O Lord, a trust in Your promises, and give them relief and change as fits Your gracious plans for them. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** **My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

- P** Moses “was hidden for three months by his parents.”

Support and guide the social agencies and extended families of all those who care for the young and the old, the poor and the sick, whether as professional health care workers or individuals intent on meeting the needs of the less fortunate. Grant them a sense of purpose and calling as they serve You and the people around them in love. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

- C** **My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

- C** **Amen.**

Recognition of New Members

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: Organ Interlude

+ 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.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom people of faith before us believed in spite of persecution, and who has now fulfilled all Your gracious promises. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the host of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Hymn: “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

LSB 949

- 1** **Heav’nly hosts in ceaseless worship**
“Holy, holy, holy” cry;
“He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High.”
Praise and honor, pow’r and glory,
Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

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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

- 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.**

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.
C **Amen.**

Hymn: “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

LSB 949

- 2** **All creation, all redemption,**
Join to sing the Savior’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow’r and glory,

**Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures
And to everlasting days!**

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Hymn: “Be Still, My Soul”

LSB 752

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.**
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in this Sacrament You have blessed us, refreshed us,
and strengthened us firm in the faith of our Savior. Accompany us on our pilgrim journey that we
may stand up to all trials and give You the glory for Your gracious presence and strength; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.
- G** Amen.

Benediction

- 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.
- G** Amen.

Hymn: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

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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.

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