

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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The Faithful Conversation

How shall we pray? That question is the focus of today's Readings. With Jacob as a model, our prayer might seem to be a struggle with God's will. And Jesus' parable teaches that prayer is a long-term effort. But prayer is more than a monologue; the Epistle reminds us that God started the conversation with His Word. The Spirit has used Word and Sacrament to awaken and guide our faith. Within that relationship, prayer is a conversation begun by God and continued each day. In worship, we do that with our brothers and sisters in Christ, moving from individual concerns to those of the Body of Christ, the Church. And in worship, we take the time to listen as God accuses and then excuses us by grace for Jesus' sake. So let us pray and worship together.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

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

G Amen.

Opening Sentences

Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 37:5; John 20:22; 2 Timothy 3:16

A The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,

G and the man became a living creature.

A Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

G Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

A And when [Jesus] had said this, He breathed on them and said to them,

G "Receive the Holy Spirit."

A All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable

G for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

- 4 **Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88
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Confession and Absolution

- P** Confident of His grace and mercy, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
- C** **Merciful Father, we confess that we have erred and wandered from Your ways like stray sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done; we cannot help ourselves.**
- O Lord, have mercy on us. Breathe new life upon us; teach, reprove, correct, and restore us through Your Word that we may live in praise of Your holy name.**
- P** In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, all your sins were atoned for and your sinfulness forgiven. 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.**

+ God Speaks to us Through His Word +

Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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Greeting

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray.
O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us.
- G** **Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name;**
- A** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Genesis 32:22–30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 18:1–8

- A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he

refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Tim Douglas

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.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

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God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Quail: "God's Instruction Manual"

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Nicene Creed

C 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

Genesis 32:26; 2 Timothy 3:15

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

As he wrestled with God, Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." For all people for whom prayer is difficult, that the Holy Spirit would enliven them with the reminder of God's promises in Scripture to hear and answer the prayers of all who call to Him in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, hear our prayer.

- A** As the woman in Jesus' parable was granted justice even from the unjust judge, for all who deal with long-term ills, discrimination from the rest of society, and an ongoing lack of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit revitalize them to pray without ceasing, confident in their trust of our gracious God's care and concern, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, hear our prayer.

- A** As the Church relies on the Scriptures, which, Paul wrote, make faith-filled hearers "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus," that God would breathe new vigor into all who proclaim the Gospel so that many may come to faith and grow in it, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, hear our prayer.

- A** As we go about our various callings in life, let us pray for those who protect and defend our nation, all who work for peace around the world and in our neighborhoods, people who supply goods and services throughout our nation and in our local areas, the professionals and volunteers who try to meet the needs of their patients, and those who instruct and those who learn. That God the Holy Spirit would equip them for good works, using Scripture to teach, reprove, correct, and train them in righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** Knowing that You hear our prayers, Lord, this day we lift up to you...(special prayer requests by name). Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** 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)

“Create in Me”

LSB 956

- 1** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
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+ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy is the Lord

LSB 161



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You not only created us and bestowed on us the gift of faith but are ever near us to listen to our prayers and praises. Hear us now as we prepare to receive our Lord Jesus in, with, and under bread and wine. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us in faith, we pray, until faith is replaced with sight.

Then gather us together with all the faithful that we may rejoice at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

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.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.

- C** Amen.

Hymn: "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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Hymn: “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

LSB 597

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying,
By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying
Life has come, with life for all.
- 2 In a wat’ry grave are buried
All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried
Us across death’s raging flood.
- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,
Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us
With His body and His blood.
- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating,
Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating
Life has come, with life for all.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
Thanks to You, Lord our God, for in this Sacrament You have answered our deepest prayers and nourished us with the body and blood of Your Son, assuring us of sins forgiven.
- C** Strengthen us thereby and accompany us each day that we may meet whatever the future holds with the sure and certain hope of one day joining all Your saints in glory;

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.

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.

C Amen.

Hymn: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

△ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav’n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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SENDING: LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

A 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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