

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.

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Be Born In Us Today: Bringing Power
Advent Midweek Four – December 21, 2022

*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Exodus 15:6*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn: “The King Shall Come” LSB 348 (tune of 707)

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!**

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

[C] Amen.

(The three blue candles and the pink candle are lit.)

[P] We light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath as we draw near to the celebration of Jesus’ birth. The Christ Child came in power, but his power was hidden in weakness. The little child who was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger in Bethlehem, is “the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24).

[C] Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. You came in power to save us!

P The power of God to save is revealed in Christ Jesus—in his humble manger bed, in his weakness and suffering on the cross and in the empty tomb on the day of his resurrection! “The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

C **Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Lord Jesus, you are glorious in power and majesty!**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, so often we turn away from your Word and your holy will to follow our own desires and the temptations of the world around us. We fail to love others as we should. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. In weakness the Son of God, Jesus our Lord, died on the cross for us. In power he rose from the dead in triumph over sin, death and the devil. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **The message of the cross is the power of God for our salvation!**

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 361

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, at the right time you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Coming in power to save, our Lord was born in Bethlehem and laid in a humble manger. His mighty power was hidden in the weakness and suffering of his death on the cross and revealed in his triumphant resurrection. He has rescued us from sin, death and the devil. In the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us to follow Jesus and walk in his ways. Help us to be bold witnesses to his love and saving power so that others will come to know and worship him as Lord. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: “Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332

**Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son make here your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,**

**Was the Word of God made flesh
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Exodus 15:1-18

- [L]** Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever."

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Galatians 4:3-7

- [L]** In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 3:15-17

- [P]** As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the

strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Hymn: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" LSB 353 (tune of 519)

Jesus, came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Bringing Power"

Exodus 15:1-6

Hymn: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" LSB 353 (tune of 519)

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv'n.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

We Worship God with Our Offering

Video "Advent Gift of Love"

(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

- P** Lord and Savior, look in mercy on those who suffer from illness, grief and loneliness. Strengthen them in faith and comfort them according to the promises of your Word. By your mighty power, bring them healing according to your will. Holy Child of Bethlehem,
- C** **Be born in us today. Lead us by the power of your Spirit to share your love and compassion with those in need.**
- P** Lord and Savior, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way before you. Through a baptism of repentance, the people were made ready to welcome you, their Messiah and Lord. Holy Child of Bethlehem,
- C** **Be born in us today. Help us, according to your command, to proclaim to all nations repentance and forgiveness in your name.**
- P** Lord and Savior, you brought Israel safely across the Red Sea and in glorious triumph defeated their enemies. Through your mighty power, hidden in your suffering and death and revealed in your resurrection, you defeated sin, death and the devil for us. Holy Child of Bethlehem,
- C** **Be born in us today. Your glorious power shattered our enemies!**
- P** Holy Savior, Lord of might and power, hear our prayers and accept our praise.
- C** **Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

- P** "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;
- C** **This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:2).**
- P** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13).
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

LSB 352

Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept his word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

What the fathers most desired, what the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year, stands fulfilled in glory here.

**As your coming was in peace, quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me which is yours eternally.**

**Then when you will come again as the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see your face, freely ransomed by your grace.**

Family Advent Conversation

- 1. Describe a time you yelled and screamed with excitement (like at a ball game or concert).**
- 2. How has the Lord “delivered” you from evil?**
- 3. What about Jesus gives you strength?**