

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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Be Born In Us Today Bringing Salvation
A Service for Christmas Day 2022

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:7

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.

C Amen.

P Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The prophet Zechariah foretold the coming of the promised King, who would bring salvation to his people: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he" (Zechariah 9:9).

C **Jesus, you are our righteous King. Through your birth, life, death and resurrection, you have brought to us the gift of salvation.**

P The name we love, the name of Jesus, means "God saves" or "salvation." An angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and said, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

C **Jesus our Lord, you came to save us. Hear our prayers and accept our praise as we rejoice today in your birth.**

P The apostle Peter, on trial for preaching the good news about Jesus, said, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

C **Jesus, you alone are the way of salvation.**

P The apostle Paul wrote about Jesus' saving work: "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

C **So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:8-11).**

Opening Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels;

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live according to your Word and will. We do not walk in love as Jesus did. Even though we have received your gracious gift of salvation, we often hesitate to share the good news of Jesus with others. Forgive our sins and lead us by your Spirit to walk in your ways.**
- P** Today we celebrate the grace of God, revealed in the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among us to suffer, die and rise to bring us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C** **We rejoice in the birth of Jesus our Lord! There is no other name by which we can be saved.**

Hymn of Praise “O Sing of Christ”

LSB 362, 1,3,4

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| <p>1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
 The kindness of the Lord,
 Eternal Word made flesh and bone
 So we could be restored.
 Upon our frail humanity
 God’s finger chose to trace
 The fullness of His deity,
 The icon of His grace.</p> <p>3 He came to that which was His own,
 But He was not received;
 Yet still through Him God’s glory shone,
 And some His name believed.</p> | <p>To these He gave the right to be
 The heirs of heav’n above,
 Born not of human ancestry
 But born of God in love.</p> <p>4 Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell
 Among us here on earth
 As God with us, Emmanuel,
 To bring this holy birth.
 Though rich, You willingly became
 One with our poverty,
 That we might share Your wealth and name
 For all eternity!</p> |
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Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty God, on this joyful day we offer our thanks and praise for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Child of Bethlehem was born among us to bring us salvation through his humble birth, his perfect life and his suffering, death and resurrection. We confess Jesus as Lord and we love his holy name, the name by which we are saved. As we celebrate his birth, help us to walk in love as our Lord walked and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to share with others the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. Hear our prayers and accept our praise in his holy name.
- C** **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet

Isaiah 12:2-4

- [L]** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

- [L]** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

God Speaks to Us Through the Gospel

John 1:1-14

- [P]** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Children's Message

Cheryl Bailes

Sermon Hymn

LSB 380 vs 1-2

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

God Speaks to Us Through His Son: "Jesus Brings Salvation"

Psalm 85:1-7

Hymn of Response: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LSB 380 vs 3

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,**

**Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

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 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)

Offering Video "Tiny Child, Mighty God"

Rype.tv

Prayers

P Gracious Lord, on this day of your birth, there are those who are not able to rejoice and celebrate. Watch over all who are sick or suffering through grief and loss. Shield them with your mighty power and bring them comfort and hope through the promises of your Word. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

C Be born in us today. Lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to love and serve others in your name.

P Gracious Lord, through your birth, life, death and resurrection, you brought to us the gift of salvation. Through faith in your name, we live as children of light. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

C Be born in us today. Help us to live according to your Word and will. Lead us to encourage and build one another up in faith.

P Gracious Lord, you are the Word made flesh. You came to bring us light and life. Through you we have received grace and truth. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

C Be born in us today. You sent John to bear witness to you as the Lamb of God. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses to you, so that others will believe in you and receive the gift of salvation through faith in your holy name.

P Gracious Lord, on this day of your birth, hear our prayers and accept our praise.

C Amen.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to our Savior who has been born in us today.

C We praise You, Jesus, for salvation to us.

Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God"

[LSB 389, 1, 2, 7]

1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.

**2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
 Is born an infant small,
 And in a manger, poor and lone,
 Lies in a humble stall,
 Lies in a humble stall.**

**△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.**

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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.”

Lord's Prayer

G 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.

Communion Hymn

“From East to West”

LSB 385

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore
 Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
 The holy child whom Mary bore,
 The Christ, the everlasting king.**
- 2 Behold, the world's creator wears
 The form and fashion of a slave;
 Our very flesh our maker shares,
 His fallen creatures all to save.**
- 3 For this how wondrously He wrought!
 A maiden, in her lowly place,
 Became, in ways beyond all thought,
 The chosen vessel of His grace.**

4 And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

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Blessing

- P** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
- C** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made ...
- P** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
- C** Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-3, 14).
- P** “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).
- C** Amen.

Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LSB 388

ref Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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