

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 Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord

The darkness of sin and death are as hidden to us as the darkness of night is hidden by the artificial lights of a city. The revelation of God is not only that God is light and in Him is no darkness but that we are in darkness and have no light. The Epiphany moment is that the true light, He who is the light of the world, has come, and in Him we are made light by Baptism and faith. Today, we pray for that light to fill our darkness that we may know the fullness of the revelation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. His light is so great that it overcomes every enemy and bridges the distance between all cultures and all peoples. We pray the Lord that we may walk in His light even to everlasting life.

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.

Opening Sentences

Based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3

P Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us;
G and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Nations will come to His light
G and kings to the brightness of His rising.

Hymn: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395 vs. 1-2

1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

2 Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth’s deep sadness
May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.

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First Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
G Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Confession and Absolution

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

P Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a 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 May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

First Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: “The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412 vs 1,3,4

- 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv’n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

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Second Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

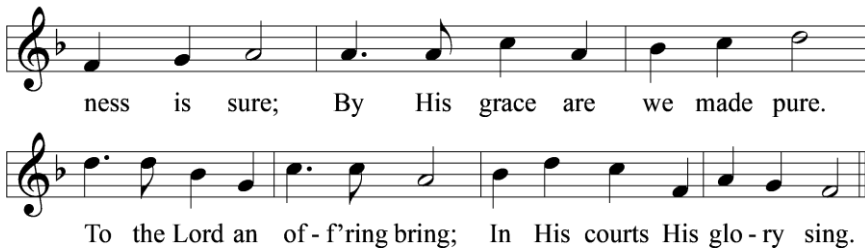
Praise the Lord, You Nations

tune to LSB 394



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Praise the Lord, you na - tions, all; Ev - 'ry - one, His
name ex - tol, For His stead - fast love en - dures
And our life with Him en - sures. God's great faith - ful -



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God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle

Romans 6:1–11

- L** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
- C** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- L** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.
- C** We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.
- L** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God.
- L** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
 This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 3:13–17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Hymn: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594 vs 1-3

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Following Jesus Through Baptism and Beyond"

Romans 6:1-11

Hymn: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594 vs 4-5

- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

CATECHISM:

Baptism, First and Fourth

- P** What is Baptism?
- C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.**
- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- C** **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- P** Where is this written?
- C** **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Having been bidden by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

- P** O Light of light, shine with the brightness of the one true light, that those who live in darkness may be granted the light of life. Embolden Your Church that we with confidence and joy proclaim this saving Gospel to all the world and bring together the divided into the one people of Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of power and might, shine Your light into the nations and give to all peoples wise and faithful servants to govern with integrity and mercy. Raise up people of honor to serve us on Your behalf and give Your blessing to those who protect us at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of grace, You made Your Church from many to be one people and in Christ united them from all nations and tribes. Give unity of faith and doctrine to Your Church and able servants who will preach and teach faithfully the Good News of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of mercy, You forgave us in Christ and still forgive us of all our sins. Give to us hearts of repentance, and fill us with faith that we who know Christ may walk worthy of Him who is our righteousness and be kept blameless and holy until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of love, You sought us out when we had nothing to commend us. Continue to seek out and comfort the sick and those who grieve, the dying in their final hours, and those troubled in mind, [*especially . . .*]. Give them grace sufficient for their need and faith to sustain them in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord of life, You daily and richly bestow upon us bread for the body. Give to us also the bread of life, that we be nourished in body and soul with the very body and blood of Christ in this blessed Communion and here rejoice in the foretaste of the eternal feast that we anticipate in Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of hope, You create us anew in the waters of Baptism. The divisions that once marked us have been overcome in Christ. Keep from us, we pray, all bitterness, doubt, and fear, and bring us at last into Your eternal presence, with those who lived and died in Christ and now rest in their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through 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)

+ 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, Holy, Holy Lord

tune to LSB 394 (St. George's, Windsor)

- 1** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by heav'nly hosts adored,
All creation shows Your pow'r, Shining star and fragile flow'r.
Blest, the One who comes to save, Christ, who for our sins You gave.
Sing hosanna, ev'ryone, Sing hosanna to God's Son.**

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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 **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Throughout all generations we have heard Your voice calling to the nations with the promise of mercy, but now, in these latter days, we have witnessed Your saving voice call out anew to deliver us from darkness to light and from death to life. Rejoicing in our Savior Jesus Christ, we plead before You the promise of His mercy, sealed in His death and resurrection, that what He began in us may be made complete. Deliver us by Your grace from all the enemies of Your Word. Break through every division and barrier that we may be made one, here in the blessed Communion of His body and blood and at last in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end.

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.**

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Jesus, God's Own Lamb

tune of LSB 394

1 **Jesus, God's own Lamb, we pray As You take all sin away,
Hear us as we call Your name That with You we may remain.
You came to us from above; You have poured on us God's love.
Take our sin, give us Your peace, Till our days on earth shall cease.**

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Hymn: "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB 620 vs 1-4

1 **Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."**

2 **Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.**

3 **Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,**

Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks, heavenly Father, that we have again been assured that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
- C** Strengthen us now as we seek to serve You and love the people around us as Your sons and daughters, who have been given Christ's own righteousness in this great exchange of faith and love;
- 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.

Blessing Towards God

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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.

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

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| 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness. | In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found. |
| 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation | 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day. |

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