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. 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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"Cross" Purpose

"X marks the spot" is a reminder that a cross, whether on a treasure map or on a police investigation site outline, has a special meaning. It indicates what is at the center and is of greatest importance. In the Small Catechism, Luther directs Christian people to make the sign of the cross to begin their day, as he writes, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross" (*LSB*, p. 327). He commends the same sacred action at the close of the day, writing, "In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross" (*LSB*, p. 327). The purpose of making the sign of the cross, whether at home or in conjunction with our worship, is to indicate that all our lives are marked by the redeeming action of our Jesus Christ on the cross for us. It is a most blessed sign!

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:3-4, 5b; 61:1-2a

- P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
- from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.
- P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
- let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
- and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.
- P Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
- my salvation and my God.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 A trusty shield and weapon;
 He helps us free from ev'ry need
 That hath us now o'ertaken.
 The old evil foe
 Now means deadly woe;
 Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight;
 On earth is not his equal.
- With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this?

And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us

Jesus Christ it is,

Of Sabaoth Lord,

All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

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Confession and Absolution

- P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.
- P God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained 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. As you believe, so may it be.
- C Amen.
- P As the Lamb of God, Jesus gave His life into death so that we might live eternally. His self-offering for us is a source of heartfelt praise and endless thanksgiving. One of the most beloved hymns of the Lenten season was composed in the sixteenth century but has its roots in earlier Christian worship. The repetition of the simple, powerful words brings a special sense of reflection on the Passion of our Lord. With thoughtful devotion we sing, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy."

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549

 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all. The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

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Greeting

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 Moses

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall

not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Children's Message

Vicar Tim Douglas

Hymn: "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

- 1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find, Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind. Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin, Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.
- Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind, Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find. Or should Satan press me hard,

LSB 421 (tune of 347)

Let me then be on my guard, Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.

If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt. Text: Public domain Catechism The Third Article

- The Gospel appointed for the First Sunday in Lent begins by telling us that "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). These words remind us of the close interworking of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity all through the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther's Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit.
- 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.
- P What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

- As we begin our observance of Lent, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Assure us that You are with us in every place, and defend us from the assaults of the evil one. Help us to treasure the cross in our hearts as it reveals Your loving purpose, and enable us to show our thankfulness for our full salvation in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Support and ever defend Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word that is able to make us wise unto salvation. Grant us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments, making us perfect in love and in all good works, especially to those of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office or discharge responsibility in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may be nurtured and Your kingdom increase. We pray for officers of congregations and all those who serve in groups and on committees and individually where the tasks completed are often visible only to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into a world that is dark and often hostile, send the light of Your truth. Raise up faithful and courageous servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home in urban, suburban, and rural settings, and also in distant lands around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

- Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead safe and peaceable lives. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve the people in their areas of responsibility according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Bestow Your blessings on the schools of the Church and upon all seminaries, colleges, universities, and centers of research, and those who teach and work in them. Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Maintain our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents or other family caregivers to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Bless us in each season, Lord. Let Your blessing remain upon seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . .]. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all with special needs a full measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Enable us to be instruments of care according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We remember with affection and gratitude those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [especially...]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
- C Amen.

(8:00) Installation of Thomas Fendia as Elder

Offering

∫ Offertory ∫ LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Consecration of the Bread and the Wine

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 ⅓ 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.
- 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

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.

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

- Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity! Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3. Only Jesus can impart
 Balm to heal the wounded heart,
 Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n.

LSB 611

- Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4. Chief of sinners though I be,
 Christ is all in all to me;
 All my wants to Him are known,
 All my sorrows are His own.
 He sustains the hidden life
 Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray

Blessed are You, heavenly Father and King eternal, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may live with purpose, confidently resist temptation, and through acts of mercy share Your blessings. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- C Amen.

Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

- 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.
- Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 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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