

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.

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

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

C **Amen.**

V Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

V For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my
strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

V I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and
you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on thee
bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee,
O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver
from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

**Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

Confession and Absolution

- V As we come together to worship in the presence of God, we confess our sins and seek God's grace and mercy. Isaiah was given a vision of God enthroned in the temple and the prophet was frightened by what he saw. He knew that he was a sinner in the presence of the holy God of Israel. With the prophet, we acknowledge and confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
- C **Almighty God, we know that we are sinners. We do not obey your holy law. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- V An angel touched the prophet's lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice and said, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah's guilt was taken away. His sins were forgiven. As God showed grace to the prophet, He has shown his grace to us through Jesus' atoning death. 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 **I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)**
- V The prophet Isaiah was forgiven and sent out to proclaim the message of God's judgment and grace. We too are forgiven and sent out to serve and to witness in Jesus' name. With the prophet, we answer God's call:

C Here I am! Send me!

Prayer of the Day

V Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life of the prophet Isaiah. His guilt was taken away and his sins forgiven. You have, in grace, forgiven us through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. You have called us to live in love and service toward others. As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit to share with others the love of Jesus and the promise of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

**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.**

**Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
by your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, your cross revives me,
granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet
ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For your all-atoning passion
has procured my soul's salvation.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

L In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice

of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:14-17

L How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-38

V And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, thou Galilean King!

**Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.**

**Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!**

**By thy merit we find favor;
life is given through thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.**

Sermon: “Grace for the Despairing”

Isaiah

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.

Offering

Offering Video: “Unending Grace”

Playback Media

Prayer of the Church

V Almighty God, your grace is the favor You show to undeserving sinners. Just as You showed grace to the prophet Isaiah and forgave his sins, You have forgiven us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

V Almighty God, during this season of Lent, a time of repentance, we remember that Jesus was sacrificed for our sins on the altar of the cross. As Isaiah’s sins were burned away with a coal from

the temple altar, our sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

V Almighty God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering illness, sorrow and grief. Lead us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your holy Word and to bring help to them in their time of need. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

V Almighty God, Isaiah was quick to answer your call. You sent him out with the message of your power and love. You asked, "Whom shall I send?" Bless the pastors, teachers, missionaries and others who answered your call and said, "Here I am. Send me." Watch over them and protect them as they proclaim the Gospel of salvation. By the power of your Spirit, extend your kingdom through the preaching of the good news. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

V Almighty God, you have forgiven our sins. Now, by the power of your Spirit, make us bold witnesses for our Savior. You ask, "Whom shall I send?" Lead us to answer with joy, "Here I am! Send me!"

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. 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

V "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

C Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

V The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 744

**Hark, the voice of Jesus, crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting
who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me?”**

**Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”**

