

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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Lenten Midweek Service 4: The Woman at the Well

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

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

C Amen.

P As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

C My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

P When shall I come and appear before God?

C My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" ...

P By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

C And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

P I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

C Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

P As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,

C While they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440

Jesus, I will ponder now
on your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow
for such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
may the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain and death
that I may not perish.

Grant that I your passion view
with repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to you
by unholy living.

**How could I refuse to shun
ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
suffered without measure.**

Confession and Absolution

P The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. 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. We are refreshed in the flood of his grace.

C **The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life!**

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

God Speaks to us Through Isaiah

Isaiah 55:1-3

P Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

God Speaks to Us Through John on Patmos

Revelation 7:9:1-17

P After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 4:7-26

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this

mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

John 4:7-26 Presented in the Scene from "The Chosen."

Hymn: "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB 440

Speak, O Lord, your servant listens,
let your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
was against your Word of life'
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
that I cling to you forever!

Lord, your words are waters living
when my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
on your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
and my cup of joy unfailing!

Sermon: "Grace for Those Ashamed"

John 4:7-26

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)

Prayer of the Church

P Lord Jesus, you graciously invited the Samaritan woman to believe in you as the Messiah and Savior, to drink of living water of the Spirit. We, too, trust in you as our Lord and Savior. You have given to us the gift of the precious, living water that is the Spirit of God welling up to eternal life. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, we pray that you would continue to sustain us with your Spirit during this earthly life. Fill us with the peace and hope that are found only through repentance and forgiveness in your name. Help us to grow in grace and strength of faith through the study of your holy Word so that we might serve others in your name. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, we pray for those who thirst for help and hope in their suffering. Comfort those who face illness, grief and loss in their own lives and in the lives of loved ones. Empower us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day when we will live forever in your presence and drink from the water of the river of life in paradise. Until that great day, lead us to show mercy to others and to share our blessings to satisfy their earthly needs, their hunger and thirst. Gracious Lord,

C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, you asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, beginning the conversation that led her to trust in you as her Savior. She then told the people of her town about you and they too believed. Help us by your Spirit to begin such conversations with our friends and neighbors so that they will believe and worship you as their King and Savior. Gracious Lord,

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

Revelation 7:9-10, 16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14

P After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

C **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

P 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: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
opened when our Savior died.**

**They that drink shall live forever;
'tis a soul-renewing flood,
God is faithful, God will never
break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.**