



# 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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## **We Don't Deserve It**

It is a long-standing tradition in the world of the theatre that when players in a drama or musical are replaced for a given performance, the name of the substitute is inserted into the program or playbill. It is appropriate that the hard work of the understudy be noted by those attending the event. In the weeks of Lent, we focus on the truth that Jesus Christ was and is our substitute, fulfilling the Law of God for us and ultimately paying the price of our sin. He is much more than any kind of understudy! He is our Lord, who willingly takes our place and endures our punishment. In gratitude, we are drawn to the cross!

### **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.

### **Opening Sentences**

Psalm 36:5, 7–9

- P** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
**C** Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
**C** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
- P** They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
**C** and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
- P** For with You is the fountain of life;  
**C** in Your light do we see light.

### **Hymn: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”**

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| 1. Word of God, come down on earth,<br>Living rain from heav'n descending;<br>Touch our hearts and bring to birth<br>Faith and hope and love unending.<br>Word almighty, we revere You;<br>Word made flesh, we long to hear You. | Crucified for our salvation,<br>Saving Word, the world restoring,<br>Speak to us, Your love outpouring.  |
| 2. Word eternal, throned on high,<br>Word that brought to life creation,<br>Word that came from heav'n to die,   | 4. Word that speaks God's tender love,<br>One with God beyond all telling,<br>Word that sends us from above,<br>God the Spirit, with us dwelling,<br>Word of truth, to all truth lead us;<br>Word of life, with one bread feed us. |

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### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

- P** Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**
- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Hymn: “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”**

LSB 554

1. **O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found:**
3. **O Jesus, light of all below,  
The fount of life and fire,**

**Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:**

5. **Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!**

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### **Greeting**

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray.  
O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure of resurrection and life in Christ, who has brought about our atonement. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.
- C** **Amen.**

## **+ God Speaks to Us Through His Word +**

### **God Speaks to Us Through the Prophet Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Romans 8:1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 11:1–45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

Cheryl Bailes

### Hymn: "O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

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| 1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,<br>Beyond all thought and fantasy,<br>That God, the Son of God, should take<br>Our mortal form for mortals' sake! | 5. For us by wickedness betrayed,<br>For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,<br>He bore the shameful cross and death;<br>For us He gave His dying breath. |
| 2. He sent no angel to our race,<br>Of higher or of lower place,<br>But wore the robe of human frame,<br>And to this world Himself He came.                 | 6. For us He rose from death again;<br>For us He went on high to reign;<br>For us He sent His Spirit here<br>To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.   |

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## Sermon: "Life Restored In Love"

John 11:17-27, 38-53

## Creed

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. We beseech You, O Lord,

**C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**P** We pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places on earth there may be times of peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been upset and strife. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. We beseech You, O Lord,

**C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**P** We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. We beseech You, O Lord,

**C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**P** We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes, [*including . . .*]. We beseech You, O Lord,

**C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**P** In this time of prayer, we remember all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and now rest from their labors. Lord, inspire us by the witness of the faithful from all generations that we may complete our earthly journeys with confidence in Your gracious promises as they did in their lifetimes. We beseech You, O Lord,

**C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting 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)*

## Offertory

### + 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.**

## Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for the ministry of our Lord Jesus, who brought healing and hope to those whose lives He touched. We rejoice that by His sacrificial death as our substitute and His glorious resurrection we know Him to be the source of everlasting life. Grant that all who partake of Christ’s holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. By Your Spirit’s power and presence, grant that we gratefully share the fellowship of Your Table, which extends into heaven with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Consecration of the Bread and 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

**G** 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

- 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.

## Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

**G** Amen.

## Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LSB 437

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov’reign die?

Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?



2. Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures' sin.

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. By this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking to the final day of resurrection and that time after the end of time when we feast with Christ the Lamb of sacrifice in His kingdom. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ☐ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

CW 183

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus,  
My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one  
Who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,

Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of His glorious love  
And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all, the cross.

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