



# 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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## Maundy Thursday: John April 6, 2023

*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

—1 Corinthians 11:25—

### Pre-Service Music

“Jesu, Meine Freude”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

“O Mensch, Bewein’ Dein Sünde Groß”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Prelude in G minor*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Welcome/Announcements

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-9, 12-13

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C** Amen.

**P** I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C** Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**P** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C** The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

**P** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**C** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living ...

**P** What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**C** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

#### Hymn: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, Mark  
that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.**

**"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay;**

**All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?**

**Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**P** John and his brother James were Jesus' disciples. They believed in their Lord and Savior, but they sought the glory of the kingdom and hoped to place themselves above others when Jesus ruled in glory. There would be glory to come, but the cross and suffering would come first. Let us repent of our own prideful, glory-seeking ways, confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, we confess that we often seek glory for ourselves and our own plans. We are not always willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. We want attention for ourselves instead of seeking to glorify our Lord. Seeking to shun suffering and loss, we do not live in humble service to others in Jesus' name. We look to our own interests and needs ahead of the needs of others. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**P** God looked on us in grace and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus laid aside his glory to be born among us, to live in humility and to suffer and die for the sins of the world. 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. Empowered by his grace and forgiveness, we follow in our Lord's steps as we live in love and humble service in his name.

**C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!**

## **Hymn: "Amazing Grace"**

LSB 744

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound**

**That saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found;**

**was blind, but now I see.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Almighty God, at one time John and his brother wanted to call down fire from heaven on an unbelieving village. Jesus called them "Sons of Thunder." On another day they asked Jesus for the honor of sitting to the left and right of his throne when he ruled in his kingdom. They

sought glory but did not understand what would come first. The glory of the kingdom would come, but the cross would come first. Jesus first suffered and died and then rose in glory. The day would come when John and James, too, would suffer for the sake of their faith in Jesus. The Lord Jesus has given us his own body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We pray that you would fill us with humility and strength, nourished by his Holy Supper for a life of faith and witness. When we are called to suffer for sake of Jesus' name, give us courage to be steadfast in faith. Lead us to live in repentant humility as during this Lenten season we follow our Lord's final steps to the cross. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

**G Amen.**

### **God Speaks to us Through Jeremiah** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**P** Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

### **God Speaks to Us Through Paul** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**P** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **God Speaks to Us Through His Son** Mark 10:35-45

**P** And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with

the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** LSB 576

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
all other ground is sinking sand.

**Sermon: “Grace for the Loveless”** Mark 10:35-45

**Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** LSB 576

His oath, his covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
all other ground is sinking sand.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**☩** 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, your followers sought personal glory, looking ahead to the triumph of your kingdom. That glory was sure to come, but they did not understand that a cross stood in the way on that path to glory. For us, you willingly laid aside your glory and humbly took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, your disciple John received your grace and forgiveness. You entrusted him with the care of your mother Mary. Give us grace to care for one another and to help the sick and suffering among us... Have mercy on them and heal them according to your will. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, your disciple James suffered martyrdom for the sake of your name. John may have suffered exile as an apostle and witness for you. When we are ridiculed or held in contempt because we believe in you, by the power of your Spirit, help us to bear the cross and to remain steadfast in faith and witness. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we do not deserve the grace we have received. You have given us the gift of your body and blood, given and shed for forgiveness of our sins. We remember your suffering and death and give thanks for your holy Supper. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, your disciples suffered as faithful witnesses for you. Now in your eternal kingdom, they experience in all of its fullness the glory that you have won for them. Lead us to be faithful witnesses for you as we proclaim your death and resurrection until you return in glory as King and Judge of all. 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.**

## Holy Communion

*Psalm 51*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. 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 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."

## Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

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

**C** Amen.

*As the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ are distributed, please meditate upon the heavenly peace and restoration that comes to us through this Sacrament.*

## Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.



**Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

*Meditation on the Last Supper and Christ's Betrayal to His Death*  
*"Moonlight Sonata"* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

**Mark 10:42b-45**

- P** You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
- C** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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*Because this service continues tomorrow, we do not close with a blessing this day.*

**Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake** LSB 688  
"Come, follow me," the Savior spake, "all in my way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, take my example for your guide."

"My heart abounds in lowliness, my soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words my lips express, with meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all, to God I yield, on him I  
call."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his Word, in suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life  
obtain.

**Stripping of the Altar**

Psalm 22

*We depart in solemn silence*

**The service will continue tomorrow at 4:00 & 6:30PM**

