



# 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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## The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers" (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the "free gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to "fear not." The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

### Pre-Service Music

### Welcome/Announcements

### We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

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

**C** Amen.

### Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

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| 1. Come, Thou almighty King,<br>Help us Thy name to sing;<br>Help us to praise;<br>Father all-glorious,<br>O'er all victorious,<br>Come and reign over us,<br>Ancient of Days.              | 3. Come, holy Comforter,<br>Thy sacred witness bear<br>In this glad hour!<br>Thou, who almighty art,<br>Now rule in ev'ry heart,<br>And ne'er from us depart,<br>Spirit of pow'r. |
| 2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,<br>Gird on Thy mighty sword;<br>Our prayer attend.<br>Come and Thy people bless,<br>And give Thy Word success,<br>And let Thy righteousness<br>On us descend. | △ 4. To Thee, great One in Three,<br>Eternal praises be<br>Hence evermore!<br>Thy sov'reign majesty<br>May we in glory see,<br>And to eternity<br>Love and adore.                 |

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### Confession and Absolution

Matthew 10:23, 11:28; 16:25; 25:34; Revelation 22:20

**V** We come before our Lord in confession, even as Jesus invites us to come to Him. "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**C** Gracious Lord, we confess we have not always sought rest for ourselves nor our burdened souls in You, instead seeking refuge in the temporary things of this world. Forgive us.

- ✓ Jesus says, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”
- ☐ **Lord, we confess we have not come nor followed as You desire, nor denied ourselves, instead at times denying the cross and faith You have graciously given. Forgive us.**
- ✓ In a parable, Jesus says, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”
- ☐ **Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**
- ✓ Jesus speaks of the day when the “Son of Man comes.” Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin and our shame and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.
- ☐ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

LSB 686

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| <p>1. Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,<br/>Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;<br/>Streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>Call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>While the hope of endless glory<br/>Fills my heart with joy and love,<br/>Teach me ever to adore Thee;<br/>May I still Thy goodness prove.</p> | <p>3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor<br/>Daily I’m constrained to be;<br/>Let that grace now like a fetter<br/>Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;<br/>Prone to leave the God I love.<br/>Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,<br/>Seal it for Thy courts above.</p> |
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## Greeting

- ✓ The Lord be with you.
- ☐ **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

- ✓ Let us pray.  
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ **Amen.**

## ✠ God Speaks to Us Through His Word ✠

### God Speaks to Us Through Jeremiah

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can

overcome him and take our revenge on him.” But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul**

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Son**

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them

will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

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

## Children's Message

Vicar Tim

### Hymn of the Day: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

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| 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,<br>Follow His example pure,<br>Through a world that would deceive us<br>And to sin our spirits lure.<br>Onward in His footsteps treading,<br>Pilgrims here, our home above,<br>Full of faith and hope and love,<br>Let us do the Father’s bidding.<br>Faithful Lord, with me abide;<br>I shall follow where You guide. | 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus<br>And with patience bear our cross.<br>Joy will follow all our sadness;<br>Where He is, there is no loss.<br>Though today we sow no laughter,<br>We shall reap celestial joy;<br>All discomforts that annoy<br>Shall give way to mirth hereafter.<br>Jesus, here I share Your woe;<br>Help me there Your joy to know. |
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**8:00** Sermon: “Free Gift”

Romans 6:20-23

**10:45** Statements of Faith By Our Confirmands

### Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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| 3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.<br>Since by death He conquered death,<br>He will free us from destruction,<br>Give to us immortal breath.<br>Let us mortify all passion<br>That would lead us into sin;<br>And the grave that shuts us in<br>Shall but prove the gate to heaven.<br>Jesus, here with You I die,<br>There to live with You on high. | 4. Let us also live with Jesus.<br>He has risen from the dead<br>That to life we may awaken.<br>Jesus, You are now our head.<br>We are Your own living members;<br>Where You live, there we shall be<br>In Your presence constantly,<br>Living there with You forever.<br>Jesus, let me faithful be,<br>Life eternal grant to me. |
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**8:00** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Revelation 22:20

- V** We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord our God, You are our refuge and fortress, in whom we make our dwelling place. Strengthen our faith in Your Word, as done through Jeremiah, the apostle Paul, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to dispel our doubts and unbelief that we be Your witnesses of truth, life, and light. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- V** When we face the many trials and temptations living as Your people, give us strength to show Your mercy and forgiveness. With so many things fleeting and temporary, help us hold to what lasts, which is Your Word, Your promises, and life with You. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- V** As we remain in this world, You have given us authorities for our good. Enable us to keep Your commands to honor our fathers and mothers and to be faithful citizens to authorities placed over us in our nation, state, and communities. Grant Your wisdom, truth, compassion, and care upon all those who lead that in this world we and others may in confidence and joy await Your kingdom to come when the Son of Man comes. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- V** For all who are weighed down by sin and shame, point them to the life-giving and forgiving cross of Christ. For those who are weighed down by ailments in this life spiritually, emotionally, or physically, [*especially . . .*], grant Your presence of comfort and peace in times of need. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- V** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## **10:45** Recognition of Membership and Rite of Confirmation Blessing

### 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)*

$\text{✝}$  Our Lord Comes to Us In His Body and His Blood  $\text{✝}$

- 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.

## **“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

LSB 941

- 1. We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**

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## **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  $\text{✠}$  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.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **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.

## **Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

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



## Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
2. We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.
3. You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.
4. Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- ☐ Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ Amen.

## Closing Sentences

Revelation 22:12-13; 17; 20-21

- ☐ “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”
- ☐ **The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**
- ☐ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
- ☐ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**
- ☐ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you.
- ☐ Amen.

## Closing Hymn “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

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3. You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

4. You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

**SENDING: LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

- ☒ As we go out this day, let us remember our mission is...
- ☒ Making an eternal impact today through the love of Jesus Christ.

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