



# 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 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

God's plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus' disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God's plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall "shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.

### Pre-Service Music

Op. 13 *Symphonic Studies, Variation II*

Op. 15 *Kinderszenen: No. 4 "Bittendes Kind"*

Op. 68 *Album für die Jugend: No. 31*

Op. 68 *Album für die Jugend: No. 40*

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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### 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: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your  
Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make  
known,

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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### Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9

**V** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**V** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** We confess, gracious God, that we groan not only because of sin in the world, but our failure to trust You for all that we need. We have not waited patiently; we have demanded reasons from You; we have sought to excuse ourselves. Yet You have given us the Spirit, who intercedes for us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope not in ourselves but in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**V** The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. Therefore, rejoice that you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Hymn of Praise: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

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## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

- V** Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, who has ordered all things for our good,  
**C** grant us faithfulness and patience as we endure the evil around us, until we rejoice at Christ's coming at the end of time;
- V** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ God Speaks to Us Through His Word ✠

### God Speaks to Us Through the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** *Elijah: No. 37, For the Mountains Shall Depart*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts

knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

**V** [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him,

**C** **‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’**

**V** He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him,

**C** **‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’**

**V** But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

**V** Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying,

**C** **“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”**

**V** He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

## **Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

LSB 892

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin;**

**God, our maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**V** “The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.”

2. **All the world is God’s own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.**

**First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**V** “The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

3. **For the Lord, our God, shall come  
And shall take His harvest home,**

**From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away,**

**Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,**

**But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.**

**✓** “He who has ears, let him hear.”

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,**

**There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

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## **Children's Message**

Pastor Bailes

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

LSB 685

**1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.**

**We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.**

**2. Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,**

**4. Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.**

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## **Sermon: “Got Troubles?”**

Romans 8:18-27

### **The Third Article**

Apostles' Creed

**✓** In the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess our faith in the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us.

**✿** 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.

**✓** What does this mean?

**✿** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**V** When we look at the storms gathering around us, many people are in dire straits. Let us pray for them, for the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For the human powers that be, that God would enable them to make and administer laws to order society within their borders and to establish peace across them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**V** For the disenfranchised and homeless, the forgotten and oppressed, the unemployed and disheartened, that God would protect and defend them, open doors of opportunity for them, and move them to rely on Him for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**V** For those near and dear to us in their illnesses, anger, grief, or despair, [*especially . . .*], and those whom we name in our hearts now [*pause for silent prayer*], that God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and renew them according to His gracious plan, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**V** For those who tend flocks and till the soil, who provide transportation and manage shops, who provide protection in their communities and defense of their nation, and who respond to sudden emergencies and work to increase health and wellbeing, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**V** For ourselves and all who come to the Lord's Table in true faith, that God would bestow on us His forgiveness, life, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear us, heavenly Father, as we pray in hope.**

**V** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father,

**C** **grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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**

Op. 15 *Kinderszenen*: No. 7 "Träumerei"

R. Schumann (1810-1856)

**✠ 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: “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

LSB 795

1. **Voices raised to You we offer;  
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute**

**For Your gifts through all our days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!**

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have created the world in which we live, worked faith in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, and given Your Son, whose death and resurrection accomplished our salvation. Gathered in His name, we pray that You would strengthen our faith to endure in patient faith until that day when faith turns to sight and we are revealed as Your holy, forgiven children. You have graciously given the Holy Spirit to interceded on our behalf, even when we do not know how to pray; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  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** 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

**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: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761



1. **Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

2. **Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

3. **Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

4. **While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**V** Let us pray

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us with this foretaste of the feast to come.

**G** **Grant that Your Son's body and blood will increase our faith and patience until the hope that is within us is realized in glory at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom;**

**V** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

**V** The blessing God almighty—the Father, who has adopted You as His own children; the Son, who has given His life for You; and the Holy Spirit, who brings your groaning prayers to the throne of grace—be with you and keep you, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Hymn: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

LSB 662

1. **Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! Refrain**

**ref.** **Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.**

2. **Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;**

**Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod.**

**We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. Refrain**

- 4. Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,**

**Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain**

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## **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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