



# 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 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

### Pre-Service Music

Chorale Prelude: *Abide With Me*

Chorale Prelude: *Lord, Whom I Deep in My Heart*

BWV 553: Fugue in C

Joshua Pillows

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J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Welcome/Announcements

### We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Hymn: "Father, We Praise Thee"

LSB 875

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| 1. Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over,<br>Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee;<br>Singing, we offer prayer and meditation: $\triangle$ 3. Thus we adore Thee. | Bring us to heaven, where Thy saints united<br>Joy without ending.   |
| 2. Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions;<br>Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;   | All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,<br>Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation;<br>Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding<br>Through all creation. |

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### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

**C** **Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

**P** We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

**C** **Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.**

- P** We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.
- C** **Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of Praise: "My Soul Rejoices"

LSB 933

1. **My soul rejoices,  
My spirit voices—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior  
Has shown me favor—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing,  
Join in confessing  
God, who is solely**

**Mighty and holy—  
O sing the greatness of God the  
Lord!  
His mercy surely  
Shall rest securely  
On all who fear Him,  
Love and revere Him—  
O sing the greatness of God the  
Lord!**

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## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.
- C** **Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## $\text{✠}$ God Speaks to Us Through His Word $\text{✠}$

### God Speaks to Us Through the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:1-5

"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.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

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## God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

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

## Children's Message

Janice Stille

## Hymn of the Day: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

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|---|---|
| 1. Children of the heav’nly Father<br>Safely in His bosom gather;<br>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br>Such a refuge e’er was given.                  | 3. Neither life nor death shall ever<br>From the Lord His children sever;<br>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br>And their sorrows all He knoweth. |
| 2. God His own doth tend and nourish;<br>In His holy courts they flourish.<br>From all evil things He spares them;<br>In His mighty arms He bears them. | 4. Though He giveth or He taketh,<br>God His children ne’er forsaketh;<br>His the loving purpose solely<br>To preserve them pure and holy.        |

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## Sermon: “We Are God’s Children of Promise”

Romans 9:1-8

### 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

- P** Let us go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving.  
For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.
- P** For the Holy Spirit’s work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.
- P** With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God’s promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.
- C** Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.

**P** For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, [*including . . .*], that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.**

**P** We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, 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:** *Pieces for Advanced Students: I. Andante Sostenuto*

J. Pillows

### **✠ 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: "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

LSB 617

1. **O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee,  
and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood  
didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may  
flourish:**

**O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which

has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; 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: "The Lamb"

LSB 547

1. The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Refrain

**ref.** Worthy is the Lamb whose death  
makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2. The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav'n His praise to  
sing. Refrain

3. The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

4. He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.  
Refrain



5. **He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain**

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gracious gift,  
**C** **and we ask that You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **Hymn: “We Praise You, O God”**

LSB 785

- 1. We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**
- 2. We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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## **Sending: Living Savior Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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

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