



# 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 Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father? The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. The things of God are everything—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

### Pre-Service Music

### Welcome & Announcements

### We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

- V** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 121:2, 7

- V** My help comes from the LORD,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- V** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
**C** He will keep your life.

### Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819 (tune of 947)

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| 1. Sing praise to God, the highest good,<br>The author of creation,<br>The God of love who understood<br>Our need for His salvation.<br>With healing balm our souls He fills<br>And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:<br>To God all praise and glory! | Within the kingdom of His might<br>All things are just and good and right:<br>To God all praise and glory!  |
| 2. What God's almighty pow'r has made,<br>In mercy He is keeping.<br>By morning glow or evening shade<br>His eye is never sleeping.  | 5. All who confess Christ's holy name,<br>Give God the praise and glory.<br>Let all who know His pow'r proclaim<br>Aloud the wondrous story.<br>Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,<br>For God is God, and He alone:<br>To God all praise and glory! |

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### Confession and Absolution

- V** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

- C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

## Kyrie

LSB 168

**V** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**V** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**V** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**V** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**V** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**V** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, rejoice that you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**V** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Gloria: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

## Greeting

**V** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**V** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1–7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### (10:45) Choir: Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Mary McDonald

### God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 22:15–22

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

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

## Children's Message

Cheryl Bailes

### Hymn of the Day: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

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| <p>1. What is the world to me<br/>With all its vaunted pleasure<br/>When You, and You alone,<br/>Lord Jesus, are my treasure!<br/>You only, dearest Lord,<br/>My soul’s delight shall be;<br/>You are my peace, my rest.<br/>What is the world to me!</p> <p>2. The world seeks to be praised<br/>And honored by the mighty<br/>Yet never once reflects<br/>That they are frail and flighty.<br/>But what I truly prize<br/>Above all things is He,<br/>My Jesus, He alone.<br/>What is the world to me!</p> | <p>3. The world seeks after wealth<br/>And all that mammon offers<br/>Yet never is content<br/>Though gold should fill its coffers.<br/>I have a higher good,<br/>Content with it I’ll be:<br/>My Jesus is my wealth.<br/>What is the world to me!</p> <p>4. What is the world to me!<br/>My Jesus is my treasure,<br/>My life, my health, my wealth,<br/>My friend, my love, my pleasure,<br/>My joy, my crown, my all,<br/>My bliss eternally.<br/>Once more, then, I declare:<br/>What is the world to me!</p> |
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## Sermon: Our One Life & God's Two Kingdoms

Matthew 22:15-22

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

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

Give to Your Church, O Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to the nations good and faithful leaders who will work under the guidance of Your Word to lead the peoples with equity and justice, fostering freedom so that we may worship You and love our neighbor, living in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to homes wisdom and love, that they be places of blessing and peace, bound together by forgiveness, and nurtured by the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to all people respect for the gift of life, courage to stand against those who would disdain the child in the womb or the aged, and encourage husbands and wives, parents and children in their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to the sick and those who suffer every blessing of Your presence and healing in accordance with Your will, that they be supported in their afflictions and granted patience until the day when perfect healing reigns. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to all who approach Your altar repentant hearts and a trusting faith, that they receive the body and blood of our Lord for their good and that this Holy Communion may confirm the unity of their confession and witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** Give to us eyes to see Your goodness and the gifts of Your mercy that crown all our days, and give to our hearts gratitude that we use Your gifts for Your glory, for the good of our neighbors in need, and for the support of the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**V** All these things, heavenly Father, for which we pray, grant to us according to Your mercy, providing to us all things needful and beneficial and keeping from us all things as may prove harmful to our faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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)*

### **✠ 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.

### **Holy is the Lord of Hosts**

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

**C** Holy, holy holy! Holy is the Lord of hosts!

Heaven and earth give praise to Thee.

Heaven and earth give praise to Thee.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna!

O blest is He that comes, that comes in the name of the Lord!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna!

### **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 ✠ 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."

### **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 (Peace of the Lord)

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

## Distribution Hymn: The Lamb

LSB 547

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| <p>1. The Lamb, the Lamb,<br/>O Father, where's the sacrifice?<br/>Faith sees, believes<br/>God will provide the Lamb of price! Ref.</p> <p><b>Ref.</b> Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes<br/>me His own!<br/>The Lamb is reigning on His throne!</p> <p>2. The Lamb, the Lamb,<br/>One perfect final offering.<br/>The Lamb, the Lamb,</p> | <p>Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.<br/>Ref.</p> <p>3. The Lamb, the Lamb,<br/>As wayward sheep their shepherd kill<br/>So still, His will<br/>On our behalf the Law to fill. Ref.</p> <p>5. He rose, He rose,<br/>My heart with thanks now overflows.<br/>His song prolong<br/>Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Ref.</p> |
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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

- V** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!
- V** Let us pray.  
Eternal Lord, ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us that, guided by Your Spirit, they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty, and that Your Church be blessed equally with wise and faithful leaders who will accomplish all things as You command for our temporal blessing and for our eternal good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

- V** 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: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651

1. I love Your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.
2. Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.
3. I love Your Church, O God,  
Your saints in ev'ry land,

Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.

4. For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.
5. Sure as Your truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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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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