



# 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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## Reformation Sunday

Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.

### Pre-Service Music

“Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott”

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

“Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### Welcome/Announcements

### We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted

**P** By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

**C** God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**P** Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

**C** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

**P** As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

**C** reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.

### Hymn: “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

## Confession and Absolution

Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

- P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
**C** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- P** God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*A time of silence is observed.*

- P** God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.
- C** Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.
- P** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

- C** 1. To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav’nly King.
2. To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.
- Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated  
At God’s right hand on high—
3. For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
**C** we are the clay, You are the potter.
- P** Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression.  
**C** Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith.
- P** Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
**C** 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 John on Patmos

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### (8:00) Choir: Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Mary McDonald

### God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### God Speaks to Us Through His Son

John 8:31–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

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

### Children's Message

Janice Stille

## Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; Martin Luther, 1483–1546  
Tune: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; setting: Johann Sebastian Bach 1685–1750

## Sermon: "Saved by Works or Faith? Yes."

Romans 3:21–24, 28

### 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** Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church

from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces, for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for those who are suffering, those we name aloud and those we name silently in our hearts. [*named in prayer*]. We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Recognition and Reception of New Members

### 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.**

## **Sanctus: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng**

LSB 813

1. **Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!**  
**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;**  
**Your festal banner wave on high,**  
**The cross of Christ your king. Refrain**

**ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

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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.**

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

LSB 655

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| 1. <b>Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;</b><br><b>Curb those who by deceit or sword</b><br><b>Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son</b><br><b>And bring to naught all He has done.</b> | <b>Defend Your holy Church that we</b><br><b>May sing Your praise eternally.</b>  |
| 2. <b>Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make</b><br><b>known,</b><br><b>For You are Lord of lords alone;</b>   | 3. <b>O Comforter of priceless worth,</b><br><b>Send peace and unity on earth;</b><br><b>Support us in our final strife</b><br><b>And lead us out of death to life.</b> |

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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## Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

3. By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

You, O Lord, are the potter; we the clay. By Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament, You shape us to be the Body of Christ. Send us out from this Table forgiven and restored, that we may freely bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; 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

**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.

**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

**P** As we go out this day, let us remember our mission is...

**G** Making an eternal impact today through the love of Jesus Christ.

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