

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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Coming . . . Really!

What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Announcements

We Call Upon the Name of the Lord

- ✓ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☞ Amen.

Opening Sentences

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

- ✓ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
- ☞ **Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?**
- ✓ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- ☞ **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.**
- ✓ At midnight there was a cry, “Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”
- ☞ **The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.**

Hymn: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515 (tune of 523)

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| <p>1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.</p> <p>2. The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
With alleluias clear.</p> | <p>The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.</p> <p>4. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!</p> |
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Confession and Absolution

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13

- 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. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
- C** **We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**
- V** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
- C** **We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**
- V** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
- C** **We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.**
- V** But let justice roll down like waters,
- C** **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**
- V** And so we will always be with the Lord.
- C** **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**
- V** In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Rejoice and be glad that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn: “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794

1. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.
2. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned

With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav’nly good.

- △ 4. The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav’nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

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Greeting

V The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

V Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Amos

Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir: *A Vision of You*

Cindy Barry

God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Matthew 25:1–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps,

they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor David R Bailes

Hymn: "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

Traditional

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| <p>1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!</p> | <p>2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.
<i>Ref.</i></p> |
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Hymn of the Day: "The Bridegroom Is Coming"

Tune of LSB 728

1. The Bridegroom is coming: make haste and prepare!
The time is approaching when all is laid bare.
Your minds—are they ready? Your hearts—are they pure?
The one in the Lord can await Him secure.
2. The shallow oblations are shunned by our Lord.
The trite celebrations—they will be ignored.
He takes nothing less than the whole life redeemed
And grants it His favor as Jesus esteemed.
3. So wait for the trumpet with awe and with joy.
The Savior will come, Satan's reign to destroy.
The dead in the Life will lift up to the skies.
And all in Christ's name will be gathered to rise.

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Sermon: "Are You Ready for Him?"

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Revelation 22:20

V As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with “Amen.” Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means “certainty” or “to confirm.” As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.” As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our “amens,” and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

V Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

V Heavenly Father, let us remember this Veterans Day weekend that we live in a land where we can freely worship You because of the sacrifices of so many in our Armed Forces over the decades. May your mercy be upon all veterans, but especially upon those who carry the scars of battle, both seen and unseen, in their lives. We give thanks to You for their sacrifices in the past and the present and await a day when all war will end as You send your Son to take us home for eternity.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

V Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [*especially . . .*]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience.

C **Amen. 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.**

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: 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!

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.**

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: "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

LSB 663

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| 1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe,
Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping. | 3. Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see
Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you. |
| 2. Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey
Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping. | 5. But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still
Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him. |

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

V Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Closing Response Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20–21

V But let justice roll down like waters,

C and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

V And so we will always be with the Lord.

C Therefore encourage one another with these words.

V Watch therefore,

C for you know neither the day nor the hour.

V He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

V The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

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: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

American Traditional

- 1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord**
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He have loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Ref. **Glory, glory Hallelujah**
Glory, glory Hallelujah
Glory, glory Hallelujah
His truth is marching on!

- 2. I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel**
As ye deal with my condemners so with you my grace shall deal
Let the hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel
His truth is marching on. Ref.

- 3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat**
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat
Oh, be swift, my soul to answer, oh, be jubilant, my feet
His truth is marching on. Ref.

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Sending: Living Savior Lutheran Church Mission Statement

V 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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