



# 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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God's purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God's blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God's very gracious Word, "well done!" and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

### Pre-Service Music

### Welcome/Announcements

### Call to Worship

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a

- P** The LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
**C** and consecrated His guests.

- P** Encourage one another  
**C** and build one another up.

- P** To everyone who has will more be given,  
**C** and he will have an abundance.

### Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338 (tune of 848)

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| 1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,<br>Born to set Thy people free;<br>From our fears and sins release us;<br>Let us find our rest in Thee.<br>Israel's strength and consolation,<br>Hope of all the earth Thou art,<br>Dear desire of ev'ry nation,<br>Joy of ev'ry longing heart. | 2. Born Thy people to deliver;<br>Born a child and yet a king!<br>Born to reign in us forever,<br>Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.<br>By Thine own eternal Spirit<br>Rule in all our hearts alone;<br>By Thine all-sufficient merit<br>Raise us to Thy glorious throne. |
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### Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17

- P** 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.
- P** Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

**G** but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

**P** Build one another up,

**G** but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

**P** To everyone who has will more be given,

**G** but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

**P** The favor of the Lord is on you! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Hymn: “Praise Be to Christ”

LSB 538

1. Praise be to Christ in whom we see  
The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known,  
The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth,  
Whose fingers set the stars in place,  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,  
The furthest bounds of time and space.

3. Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,  
The fullness of the Godhead shares;  
And yet our human nature bears,  
Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace  
Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease  
And all be reconciled to God.

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## Greeting

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son died for the sins of the whole world.

**G** Embolden us to share His love with everyone we meet until the day we hear His gracious blessing, “Well done, good and faithful servant”;

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

**G** Amen.

## ✠ God Speaks to Us Through His Word ✠

### God Speaks to Us Through Zephaniah

Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day,"

declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Choir: “Sing to the Lord of Harvests”**

Johann Steurlein; arr. Robert Weztler

## **God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul**

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

Matthew 25:14–30

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

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

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and

hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

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

## Children's Message

Vicar Tim

### Hymn of the Day: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508 (tune of 947)

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| <p>1. The day is surely drawing near<br/>When Jesus, God's anointed,<br/>In all His power shall appear<br/>As judge whom God appointed.<br/>Then fright shall banish idle mirth,<br/>And flames on flames shall ravage earth<br/>As Scripture long has warned us.</p> <p>2. The final trumpet then shall sound<br/>And all the earth be shaken,<br/>And all who rest beneath the ground<br/>Shall from their sleep awaken.<br/>But all who live will in that hour,<br/>By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,<br/>Be changed at His commanding.</p> <p>3. The books are opened then to all,<br/>A record truly telling<br/>What each has done, both great and<br/>small,</p> | <p>When he on earth was dwelling,<br/>And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,<br/>And all be known as they have been<br/>In thoughts and words and actions.</p> <p>4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord<br/>And sought but carnal pleasures,<br/>Who here despised His precious Word<br/>And loved their earthly treasures!<br/>With shame and trembling they will stand<br/>And at the judge's stern command<br/>To Satan be delivered.</p> <p>7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,<br/>But hasten our salvation;<br/>We often tremble on our way<br/>In fear and tribulation.<br/>O hear and grant our fervent plea:<br/>Come, mighty judge, and set us free<br/>From death and ev'ry evil.</p> |
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## Sermon: To Number Our Days

Psalm 90:12

## 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 pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place, for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need.

Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world. Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament.

**C** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

**P** O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.

**C** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

**P** Lord over all, guide and protect the officers of nations; armed forces deployed and police at home; leaders of large corporations; those who work in the media; those who grow, tend, and distribute food; and all who respond in emergencies, that together they work for the common good.

**C** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

**P** Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life.

**C** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

**P** Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

**C** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake 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)*

$\text{✝}$  Our Lord Comes to Us In His Body and His Blood  $\text{✝}$

**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.  
**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Sanctus: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

LSB 790

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**  
**O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!**  
**Let all who hear**  
**Now to His temple draw near,**  
**Joining in glad adoration!**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior.

Gathered in His name we ask 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 in these last days. Gather us together, we pray, with all who have heard the Gospel and have come to faith, who with us shall receive Your “well done” commendation. 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.

- G** 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.  
**G** 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**

- G** 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**

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



## Hymn: “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

**Ref.** Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:  
*Refrain*

4. Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
*Refrain*

5. What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace.  
*Refrain*

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven,

**C** so that with joy we may share Your love each day until Your Son returns to usher us into  
Your eternal presence;

**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

**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: “Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB 829

1. Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.
2. Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,

Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.

4. Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5. **Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;**

**When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.**

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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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