

# **LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Montgomery, Texas

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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# 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 together. 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 use the QR code in Notes for Today or fill out an attendance card found in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher as you leave. **Guests:** We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.

**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. Alcohol-free wine is in the center of the wine trays.*

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## Put in Our Place

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

## Pre-Service Music

## 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

Psalms 136:1, 23–26

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** It is He who remembered us in our low estate,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever;

**P** and rescued us from our foes,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever;

**P** He who gives food to all flesh,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

## Hymn: "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

LSB 579

1. The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.
2. Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.
3. To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound

It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.

5. The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness.

We confess, Lord our God,

**C** that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not reflect Your love, heavenly Father, in the way we treat others. Forgive us.

**P** We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,

**C** that we do not always give You the due honor and glory for all that You have done for us in Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us.

**P** We confess, O Holy Spirit,

**C** that we forget that even our faulty attempts at loving as You have loved us are covered by Your overarching grace and mercy.

**P** Our gracious God has done all that was needed for us to be His friends, followers, and family. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**C** Amen.

6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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## Greeting

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.

**C** Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

**P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## God Speaks to Us Through Moses

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules

and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. . . .

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 10: 25–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your

mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

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

## Children’s Message

Noah Scott

### Hymn: “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways!”

LSB 707

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!
2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e’er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand’ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

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## Sermon

Pastor David C. Quail

## Catechism

The Second Article

**G** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

**that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

**just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people, let us pray to the Lord,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength, let us pray to the Lord,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** That our gracious Lord would keep the church around the world in His protective care and provide opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** That the Holy Spirit would strengthen the skills of professional and neighboring caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, [*especially for . . .*], let us pray to the Lord,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** That God would enable the caring organizations here and abroad to focus on the needs of the downtrodden, oppressed, and forgotten so that many may give Him praise and glory as they find new opportunity to face each day in confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord,

**G** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **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, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Pow’r and Might”

LSB 178

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### 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.

### The 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: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;

He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

5. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.
8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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## Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

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1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!
2. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds

by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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: “Beautiful Savior”**

LSB 537

1. **Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
3. **Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.**
4. **Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

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## **Mission Statement & Sending**

- 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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