

LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Montgomery, Texas

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025

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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Pray Early and Pray Often

In 1535, Martin Luther was asked by Peter, his barber, for instruction on prayer. Luther wrote a little book explaining how he organizes his own prayers to God. He pointed to the Lord's Prayer as well as the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed as ways to focus and form his prayers. The Bible is filled with people who prayed consistently—people like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, and David. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and shares two stories to emphasize the importance of bold, persistent prayer.

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

Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18

P Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

C **The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

P Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

C **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

P The apostle Paul writes, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

C **God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"**

P Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."

C **"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."**

P Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,

O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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 mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

P Most merciful God,

C we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.

P Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

C Amen.

△ 4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!

Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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Greeting

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, You have heard the prayers of Your people throughout the ages. Continue to point us to the promises found in Your Word to strengthen our faith. Lead and guide us by Your Spirit to boldly and persistently pray to You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

G Amen.

God Speaks to Us Through Moses

Genesis 18:20–33

Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

G With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

P I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

G I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

G Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;

P O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

God Speaks to Us Through the Apostle Paul

Colossians 2:6–19

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Son

Luke 11:1–13

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

P Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

G “**Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.**”

P And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor Bailes

Hymn: “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779

1. Come, my soul, with ev’ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.
2. Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow’r are such
None can ever ask too much.
3. With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.
4. Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.
5. While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey’s end.
6. Show me what is mine to do;
Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people’s death.

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Sermon: “Pray Early and Pray Often”

Luke 11:1–13

The Nicene Creed

381 A.D.

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

C Our Father in heaven,

P Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world, especially as we pray for... [local petitions included here]. May we trust your will always.

C Holy be Your name.

P Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

C Your Kingdom come.

- P** Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.
- C** **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.
- C** **Give us today our daily bread.**
- P** Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.
- C** **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- P** O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.
- C** **Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**
- P** Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.
- C** **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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: "We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785

1. **We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we 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 ✙ 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.
G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

Hymn: “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

LSB 766

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| 1. Our Father, who from heav’n above Bids all of us to live in love As members of one family And pray to You in unity, Teach us no thoughtless words to say But from our inmost hearts to pray. | 3. Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign. The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way. Break Satan’s pow’r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age. |
| 2. Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, In purity to keep Your Word, That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame. Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert. | 5. Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed. Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life, That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give. |

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Hymn: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We thank You, merciful Father, for giving us the good gifts of Your grace through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus. In Your mercy, strengthen our faith and lead us to trust in Your grace and mercy; 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 May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

C Amen.

Hymn: “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

LSB 795

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| <p>1. Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!</p> <p>2. All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display. Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today. Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!</p> | <p>3. Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven’s grace, For Your living, suff’ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!</p> <p>4. Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart. Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!</p> |
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Mission Statement & Sending

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

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

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