



# 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:

- A Nursery/Family Room is down the hallway past the offices.
- Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.
- Please fill out an attendance note pad in the chairs and place your sheet in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week.
- 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 where 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 morning (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have any questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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## **WILL THOSE WHO ARE SAVED BE FEW?**

How often don't we find ourselves exactly where the disciples were: Will those who are saved be few? After all, the Church seems increasingly isolated, the culture increasingly secular, and the barriers to mission increasingly greater. Jesus insists that no one whom the Father has appointed will be lost. That is our comfort. Not all who claim to belong to the Lord are His. That is the reality. The last will be first and many will come from east, west, north, and south to recline at the Lord's Table in the Kingdom. That is our faith. Numbers are God's to count. Trust in His Word is our foundation, and telling the good news of Christ is our calling.

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*(Hymns for today's worship will be played.)*

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

*(Please take time now to fill out the attendance record book located in a chair on your row and place your sheet in the offering plate later in the service.)*

### **Choir Call to Worship: I Will Sing of the Mercies**

*David Cole*

### **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD** *(Please stand if you are able.)*

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

**People:** Amen.

#### **OPENING HYMN: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST**

*LSB 653*

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race In Him we all are one.  
He loves us as his children through our faith in his dear Son
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free  
From sin, division, hate and shame, From spite and enmity.
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.
- 5 In Christ now meet Both East and West; In Him meet south and north.  
All Christian souls are One in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

### **CALL FOR CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us,  
**People:** and His faithfulness endures forever. Splendor and majesty are before Him,  
from this time forth and even forevermore.

**Pastor:** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,  
**People:** Call upon Me in the day of trouble, says the Lord, and I will deliver you, and  
you shall glorify Me.

*A time for silent reflection*

**Pastor:** Holy and gracious God,  
**People:** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS**

**Pastor:** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**TO GOD ON HIGH BE GLORY**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## **GREETING**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS PROPHET**

*Isaiah 66:18–23*

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHOIR: FILL ME WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

*JANET JANZEN*

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS APOSTLE**

*Hebrews 12:4–24*

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined

us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 117**

*Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

**Pastor:** Splendor and majesty are before him; we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**People:** **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!**

**Pastor:** For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**People:** **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.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS SON**

*Luke 13:22–30*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY: JERUSALEM MY HAPPY HOME

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- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH OUR PASTOR:

**"FAMILY REUNION"**

*Hebrews 12:22-24*

### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH USING THE WORDS OF THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

**All:** 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 *(Please be Seated)*

**Pastor:** With You nothing is impossible and the surprise of Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray.

That the Lord call His elect from all nations and all peoples until the number is complete and the work of Christ is complete and gather us into His eternal presence

around His throne of grace, to behold His glory and sing His praise forevermore, let us pray the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That we be good citizens and good neighbors and that those who lead us serve ably and well, for the benefit of all but especially for the protection of the weak, for equal justice before the law, and for the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That we extend God's care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That we enjoy the gift of peace, an end to conflict and strife, safety from violence, protection against natural disaster, and an end to fear by trusting in the Lord for all things, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*], that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** That we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the Lord and now rest from their labors and that we be kept holy and blameless until that day when the last shall be first and we shall see the Lord face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**Pastor:** Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45AM)**

## **WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

*(The offering time is an opportunity for all of us 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)*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS**

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**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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### OUR LORD COMES TO US IN HIS BODY AND BLOOD

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### HOLY IS THE LORD

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

**People:** **Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*  
**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, *Matthew 6:9-13*  
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.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People:** Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Please be Seated)*

### LAMB OF GOD

*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

*LSB 739*

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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### SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

*William W. Walford / William B. Bradbury*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

### WORDS OF DISMISSAL

#### DEPART IN PEACE

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, Your grace and mercy have provided us the surprise of forgiveness we did not deserve and salvation we did not earn. Fill us with such joy in Christ that we cheerfully tell His good news to every people and fill us with longing for the day when the foretaste will give way to the full meal, as the last are made first in Your kingdom forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

*Annie S. Hawks/Robert Lowry*

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| 1               | I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;<br>no tender voice like thine can peace afford.                  |
| <i>Refrain:</i> | I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;<br>O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.            |
| 2               | I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;<br>temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 3               | I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;<br>come quickly and abide, or life is vain. <i>Refrain</i>           |
| 4               | I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;<br>and thy rich promises in me fulfill. <i>Refrain</i>            |

## SENDING: LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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