

# 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:

- If you are a guest, please fill out one of the inserts and leave it in your seat at the end of the service. We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Out of health considerations, wearing a face covering is required throughout the service, especially during the times you are speaking or singing.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex as well as in both restrooms.
- 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.

**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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**Places of the Passion**  
**Ash Sunday: February 21, 2021**  
**The City of Jerusalem**

**Theme Verse**

*See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes. Matthew 20:18*

**Imposition of Ashes**

Upon entering, each congregant receives the sign of the cross on their forehead.  
"Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return."

**Opening Music**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**C To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

**C To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

**C We walk with Jesus to the City of Jerusalem.**

P Because Passover is coming.

**C And the Son of Man will be crucified.**

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

**C I shall follow where you guide!**

**Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

LSB 685, 1 & 4

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.**

**Let us also live with Jesus, he has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, you are now our head.  
We are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Magnificent and merciful Father, because I walk into dark and dangerous places, hear me as I confess my sins.

**C My feet take me to places of compromise and sinful ambition.**

P My heart lingers in places of lust and lies.

**C My words take me to places of anger, rage and hatred.**

P My ears delight in going to places of gossip, deceit and ridicule.

**C My mind takes me to places of selfishness and pride.**

P My eyes lead me to places of envy and greed.

**C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

**C I shall follow where you guide!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty and everlasting God, send forth your Holy Spirit that this Lent we may ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-13**

L The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

L Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:1-5**

P When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

### **Sermon Hymn "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"**

**1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,**

LSB 423

**Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;**

Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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**Sermon: "Jesus Faces Our Storm"**

Matthew 26:2

### **Offering**

*(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)*

### **Prayers:**

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray. Jesus, you will finally deliver us from every storm so we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from pride and arrogance, lest we fail to acknowledge our sins and confess them.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver the world from the enemies of peace and from injustice and give us good and faithful leaders to protect the unborn and promote virtue.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver the erring from their darkness, the doubting from their uncertainty, and the wandering from their ways, and return them to you.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from the terror of death and the grave.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from selfish desire, from the tyranny of things, and from the wasteful use of the resources you have entrusted to our care.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from ingratitude for all your mercies and restore our hearts to hope and joy.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, deliver us and bring us to the table of your body and blood.

**C Jesus let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Benediction**

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to Jerusalem, a place of great suffering and a place of great love.  
We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

**C Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

**Closing Hymn “O Christ, You Walked the Road”** LSB 424

**O Christ, you walked the road our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r and fought our ancient foe.**

**No bread of earth alone can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek your living Word, the food your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask, no wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone in your unswerving love.  
When lures of easy gain with promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek your kingdom first; our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, you walked the road our wand’ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation’s hour to fight our ancient foe.**

## **Holy Communion**

*Psalm 51*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with your spirit.**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

## **Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

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.”

## **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## **Distribution**

*As the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ are distributed, please meditate upon the heavenly peace that comes to us through this Sacrament.*

**Distribution Hymn: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”** LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**He who his saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us now.**

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