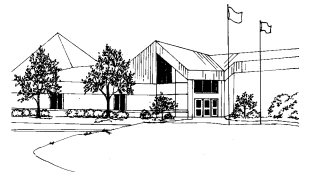


**Our mission  
is to teach,  
love,  
and connect...  
teach all ages  
about Jesus,  
love one another  
as God loves us,  
and connect  
with others  
in a hurting world.**



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# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

*Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** 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.

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**11:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF BELL**

## **OPENING SONG**

**“He Will Hold Me Fast”** by A. R. Habershon & M. Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

**Chorus**

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

*Chorus*

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight.  
When He comes at last!

*Chorus*

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## **WELCOME**

*Please stand.*

## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

**People: and consecrated His guests.**

Pastor: Encourage one another

**People: and build one another up.**

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

**People: and he will have an abundance.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

*1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

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

Pastor: Build one another up,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: To everyone who has will more be given,

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

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Surrounds Me”** by Reuben Morgan, Sarah Griffiths

**You have searched my heart, oh God,**

**You have known my ways.**

**Every detail and every thought,**

**You reveal Your grace**

**And call me deeper.**

**Chorus**

**You will be the one I trust,**

**You will be the one I love.**

**Your goodness surrounds me.**

Your goodness surrounds me.  
You will never leave my side,  
You will never change Your mind.  
Your goodness surrounds me,  
Your goodness surrounds me.

If the night brings a troubled heart,  
Will You meet me there?  
You light up every road I run,  
All Your plans are good,  
And You're always faithful. *Chorus*

**Bridge**

I'm gonna' sing at the top of my lungs  
With all I am.  
I'm singing Your praise,  
I'm singing Your praise.  
I'm gonna' sing at the top of my lungs,  
I won't hold back.  
I'm singing Your praise,  
I'm singing Your praise. *Repeat bridge*

*Instrumental*  
*Chorus*

Your goodness surrounds me,  
Your goodness surrounds me.

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*Please be seated.*

## COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*A day of wrath is coming.*

**Zephaniah 1:7–16**

Reader: 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEMS—ALLELUIA CHOIR "The Trees of the Field"  
"King of Kings"**

by S. G. Rubin & S. Dauermann  
by N. Batya & S. Conty

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Encourage one another to live in God's light.* **1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

Reader: 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 25:14–30**

*God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.*

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

Pastor: [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.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SONG**

### **"Redeemed"**

by B. Cowart & M. Weaver

**Seems like all I could see was the struggle,  
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past,  
Bound up in shackles of all my failures,  
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last.  
Then You look at this pris'ner and say to me,  
"Son, stop fighting a fight that's already been won."**

### **Chorus 1**

**I am redeemed. You set me free.  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain.  
Now I'm not who I used to be. I am redeemed.**



All my life I have been called unworthy,  
Named by the voice of my shame and regret.  
But when I hear You whisper, "Child, lift up your head,"  
I remember, O God, You're not done with me yet.

**Chorus 1a** I am redeemed. You set me free.  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain.  
Now I'm not who I used to be.

**Bridge** Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me  
'Cause his day is long dead and gone.  
Because I've got a new name, a new life,  
I'm not the same, and a hope that will carry me home.

**Chorus 1b** I am redeemed. You set me free.  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain.  
'Cause I'm not who I used to be. *Repeat Chorus 1b*

**Ending** O God, I'm not who I used to be.  
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be.  
I am redeemed. Thank God, redeemed.

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## SERMON

"Where Do I Belong?"

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.

**WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS** *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

### **We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

## Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

### What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

## OFFERTORY—JUBILATE CHOIR

### “Bwana Asifiwe”

arr. by Mark Burrows

*Please stand.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### **PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, saying,

**People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth! Our hearts delight in You! Your words give us joy, assuring us of the victory of the cross, where Your Son conquered both sin and death. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we remember Your steadfast love, new to us every morning! Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we honor and praise You, O Lord, rejoicing in the goodness You now prepare our hearts to receive. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: 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.**

## **WORDS OF CONSECRATION**

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 ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: 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 and AGNUS DEI**

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

*John 1:29*

**People: Amen.**

**People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

**DISTRIBUTION** *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

## **SONG**

### **"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"**

by J. Kauflin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Papa, & M. Merker

**What is our hope in life and death?**

**Christ alone, Christ alone.**

**What is our only confidence?**

**That our souls to Him belong.**

**Who holds our days within His hand?**

**What comes, apart from His command?**

**And what will keep us to the end?**

**The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

**Chorus**

**O sing hallelujah!**

**Our hope springs eternal;**

**O sing hallelujah!**

**Now and ever we confess**

**Christ our hope in life and death.**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?**

**God is good, God is good.**

**Where is His grace and goodness known?**

**In our great Redeemer's blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
 Who stands above the stormy trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
 Unto the shore, the rock of Christ. *Chorus***

**Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
 "Christ, He lives; Christ He lives!"  
 And what reward will heaven bring?  
 Everlasting life with Him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
 Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
 And we will feast in endless joy,  
 When Christ is ours forevermore. *Chorus***

**Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death.**

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**SONG**

**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

**LSB 563**



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 **When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
- 6 **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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*Please stand.*

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and † give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **“Jesus Saves”**

by T. Hughes & N. Herbert

**Hope is here. Shout the news to ev’ryone,  
It’s a new day; peace has come, Jesus saves.  
Mercy triumphs at the cross,  
Love has come to rescue us, Jesus saves.**

**Hope is here; What a joyful noise we’ll make  
As we join with heaven’s song...**

**Chorus 1:** To let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!

**Free at last; Ev’ry debt has been repaid,  
Broken hearts can be remade, Jesus saves.  
See above the storms of life,  
See it through the darkest night, Jesus saves.**

**Free at last; What a joyful noise we’ll make  
And we join with heaven’s song...**

**Chorus 2:** To let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!

**Bridge:** You save, You heal, restore, reveal the Father’s heart to us.  
You rose to raise us from the grave; His spirit lives in us.

**Final Chorus: Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves!  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!**

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**Mrs. Margy Whitsett**

*Deaconess*

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**Readings for next Sunday, 11/25:**

**Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**

**Psalm 95:1–7a**

**1 Corinthians 15:20–28**

**Matthew 25:31–46**

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