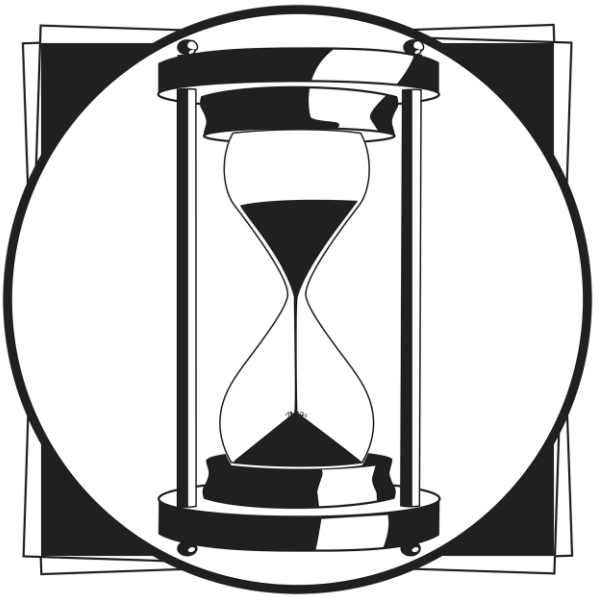
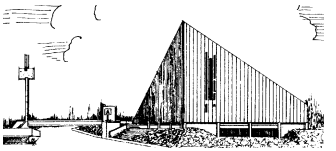
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love one another
as God loves us,
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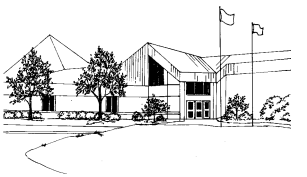
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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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 prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING ANTHEM **"Joy in the Morning"** by N. Sleeth

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD;

People: give ear to my pleas for mercy!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Yet, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us. Now strengthen us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

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

Jesus is the one I trust,
Jesus is 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.

Your goodness surrounds me,
Your goodness surrounds me.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Zephaniah 1:7–16

The day of the Lord is near and coming quickly.

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.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
People: in all generations.
Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth,
People: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You return man to dust
People: and say, "Return, O children of man!"
Leader: For a thousand years in your sight
People: are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood;
People: they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
Leader: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
People: in the evening it fades and withers.

Leader: For we are brought to an end by your anger;
People: by your wrath we are dismayed.
Leader: You have set our iniquities before you,
People: our secret sins in the light of your presence.

Leader: For all our days pass away under your wrath;
People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
Leader: The years of our life are seventy,
People: or even by reason of strength eighty;
Leader: yet their span is but toil and trouble;
People: they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Leader: Who considers the power of your anger,
People: and your wrath according to the fear of you?

Leader: So teach us to number our days
People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

EPISTLE READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

The Lord has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation.

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

The day of the Lord will be like a man who entrusts his servants with his property.

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 — "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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SERMON **Matthew 25:14–30**

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

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People: give ear to our pleas for mercy.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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. 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.

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" *from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*, setting : David von Kampen

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Agnus Dei" *The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941,* Arr. by T. A. Bode

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen. *John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION

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

SONG **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness** ***LSB* 563**



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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*

People: Thanks be to God.

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 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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Readings for next Sunday, 11/22
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 95:1–7a
1 Corinthians 15:20–28
Matthew 25:31–46
