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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.**

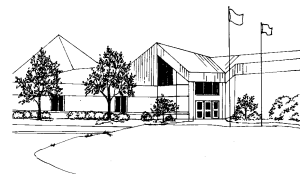
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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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 Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that's a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don't have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior's, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING ANTHEM—ADULT CHOIR **"In My Father's House"** by M. Armstrong

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans;

People: I will come to you."

Pastor: So we can confidently say,

People: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

[John 20:19-23]

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

"My Hope Is in You"

by A. Geesbreght

I meet with You, and my soul sings out

As Your Word throws doubt far away.

I sing to You, and my heart cries holy.

Hallelujah, Father, You're near.

Chorus 1 **My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
A peace that passes understanding is my song.
And I sing My hope is in You, Lord.**

**I wait for You, and my soul finds rest.
In my selfishness You show me grace.
I worship You, and my heart cries glory.
Hallelujah, Father, You're here. *Chorus 1***

Bridge **I will wait on You.
You are my refuge. *(Repeat 3X)***

Chorus 2 **My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
The peace that passes understanding is my song,
And I sing My hope is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord.**

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FIRST READING *Paul preaches Jesus and the resurrection, pointing Athenians to the "unknown God" who has been raised from the dead.* **Acts 17:16–31**

Reader: While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects

of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we are indeed his offspring."

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEMS—ALLELUIA CHOIR "Where Two or Three"
"You Get Tall"**

by S. Kamman
arr. by J. Rouse

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13–22

Saved by Baptism, believers are prepared to give a reason for their hope in Christ the Lord.

Reader: Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the

body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

Until He returns, Jesus promises to surround His disciples with truth by sending the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

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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SERMON

"LOVE! A Command"

John 14:21a

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 THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O Triune God, You have placed Your name on us in Holy Baptism, making us Yours and saving us from death and darkness. Teach us to quiet our consciences with the assurance of all You have accomplished for us.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, we proclaim Your name in a world that does not yet know You. Bless all who bring Your Gospel to new places, and make us fit proclaimers in our homes and neighborhoods, that our words and works would witness to Jesus Christ, the risen one.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, Your grace makes a home for us within Your kingdom. We pray for orphans, the widowed, the homeless, and the lonely who do not currently know the warmth of home and family. Surround them with Your care and send us to show them Your love.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, those marked by Your name are not immune from suffering. We lift up to You those who are struggling, sick, and grieving, [*including . . .*]. Be the helper they need most.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, we rejoice in Your faithfulness. Make Your dwelling in us, and keep us in faith until the day of Christ's returning.

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 beneficial that we would give thanks to You, O Triune God, making our supplication in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, who in keeping the Father's will, won salvation by His death and resurrection, and in giving His Holy Spirit, grants life to all who believe. Held in our baptismal covenant, we rejoice with all the saints in every time and place, eagerly anticipating the consummation of Christ's redeeming work, as You gather us with angels and archangels, to laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the daily mercies You show to Your heaven-bound people. Feed us at Your Table with faith and forgiveness, recognizing how You sustain us on this journey. By faith, let us taste the life You offer through the gifts of this altar, that sharing in the body and blood of our living Savior, Jesus, we might be assured of Christ's words as He promises, "because I live, you also will live." Unite our hearts to encourage one another and witness to the world of the hope we have in the name of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

People: **Amen. "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

"Before the Throne of God Above"

by C. L. Bancroft & V. Cook

**Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there -- the Risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.**

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Most Holy Triune God, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed in Baptism as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that we would keep Your commandments, know the love of our Father, and live in His truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: Thanks be to God.

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

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

by C. Tomlin, D. Carson, E. Cash, G. Gaither, J. Ingram, M. Maher, W. J. Gaither

**I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood;**

**Chorus 1 Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives.
Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.**

**I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away.**

Chorus 1b **Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives.
Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends.**

Bridge **Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone;
I know He holds my life,
My future in His hand. *Repeat Chorus 1b twice***

Ending **Because He lives; because He lives.**

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Readings for next Sunday, 5/17:

Acts 1:12–26

Psalm 68:1–10

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11
