



Thanks Living—
The Joy of Giving

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are in the holders in each pew. Pass completed cards to the acolyte in the center aisle during the offering. Please sign the **WELCOME BOOK** located in its holder by the center aisle in each pew. Pass it down your row so all can sign, then return it to the center. We encourage you to see who the others are in your row and greet each other after worship.

WELCOME

THEME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(stand)

OPENING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331, vv. 1-4

INVOCATION [We “invoke” the God in whose name we are baptized to be with us; Matt. 28:19]

(Feel free to cross yourself in remembrance of your baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(sit)

CONFESSION [Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.]

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

KYRIE [“Lord, have mercy” - a plea for mercy (Luke 18:35-43)]

[Tune: “On Jordan’s Banks”]

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our God and King.
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; accept the prayers we humbly bring.**

ABSOLUTION [We rejoice in God’s declaration of forgiveness]

P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as your pastor, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
C it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
P it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
C I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

¹And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God’s will. ⁶So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus said) ¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day sent them into his vineyard.

“³About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go out and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went out.

“He went out again about the sixth hour and did the same thing. ⁶About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ *(continued→)*

⁷“Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰“So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²“These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

(sit)

Children’s Message in A202 for children age 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)

SERMON HYMN

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894

SERMON

THANKSLIVING: *The Joy of Giving*

OFFERING *(See page 7 for offering information.)*

*(stand)***PRAYERS**

*When the pastor says, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,”
the congregation responds, “His steadfast love endures forever.”*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

✠ **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** ✠

THE LORD’S PRAYER [Matt. 6:9-13]

(Tune: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”, LSB 437)

**Our Father, Lord on heav’n’s high throne, most holy be Your name;
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, in heav’n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need, forgiven may we be;
into temptation do not lead; from evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom, Yours the pow’r, and Yours the majesty;
so shall it be from this glad hour; and to eternity.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Tune: “Lamb of God”, LSB 550)

P *(sung)* The night Lord Jesus was betrayed,
He took the bread, and when He’d prayed,
He broke and gave them of the bread, and unto His disciples said,
(spoken) “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”

C *(sung)* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God! He is the holy Lamb of God!
Who on the cross did shed His blood,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

P *(sung)* Then when the sacred meal was o’er,
our blessed Savior spoke once more.
He offered thanks, and lifted up to give to all the sacred cup:
(spoken) “Drink of it, all of you; This is My blood of the new testament,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

C *(sung)* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God!
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God!
Your gift of peace now give to us,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

(sit)

DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(See page 8 for communion information.)*

LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”
 LSB 332 “Savior of the Nations, Come”
 LSB 783 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

(stand)

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
(Saturday)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781

CLOSING ANTHEM
(Sunday)

“Thankful”
 KIDS KLUB CHOIR

by Stocker
 Jennifer Bullock, *director*

We enter to worship; we exit to witness!!

Regarding Thank Offerings...

To our Guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

To our Members – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

Offerings can be given in the following ways:

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down your pew;
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on “Give”.
- Download the QR code to give from your device.



Regarding Holy Communion...

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

Serving This Weekend...

Pastor.....	Keith Piotter
Organist.....	Jean Baker
Acolyte (Saturday).....	Sophia Miller
Acolyte (Sunday).....	Audrey Winkler
Projectionist/Sound Tech (Saturday).....	Trevor Zimmerman
Projectionist/Sound Tech (Sunday).....	Andy Stuenkel
Live Stream (Sunday).....	Trevor Zimmerman, <i>tech director</i>
Reader (Sunday).....	Maury Betzel
Children's Message (Sunday).....	Lisa Piotter