

Worship Service – Morning Prayer With Confirmation

January 29, 2023

Hymn

Blest Are They - Christian Worship 690

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

The glory of Christ is revealed:

C: praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208

Be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty

on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

I Know My Faith Is Founded - CW 797

Sermon

God Turns Everything Upside Down

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Stand

We Praise You, O God

CW 210

Be seated

THE OFFERING

Please fill out a Connection Card while the offering is brought forward to the altar; please place the card in the plate on the table just to the right as you leave church.

Members of Living Savior support the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus through their offerings. Guests may choose to give back to the Lord at Living Savior, through their own congregation, or in other ways that reflect a thankful heart. We are glad to share our joy and hope with you.

CONFIRMATION

The rite is used when individuals who have been instructed desire to confess their faith publicly and affirm that they are prepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

The pastor speaks to the Confirmand:

David, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness; we will be singing the hymn shortly – *His Robes for Mine*. Through water and Word, he created faith in your heart and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your mind and preserved you as a child of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore, I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We, your family at Living Savior, are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

Responses

I now ask you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshipping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Yes, I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

I do reject him.

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of Living Savior Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?
I do.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Prayer

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. *Let us pray.*

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the heart of this young man and gave him a new birth as a member of your family. Help him remember his baptism every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave him or forsake him. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Give David strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within him so that each day his faith may triumph in his living and loving and in his words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lead him to see and believe that in the word of the gospel he finds forgiveness for his sins and relief for his guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive him to

the comfort of the gospel and then to guide him as he lives for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Protect David from Satan when he tempts him to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Empower him by the gospel of your Son to live in this world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see his good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish David in wisdom and love even after he has left his home and made a new home for himself. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.**

Hymn

His Robes for Mine – CW 568

The pastor speaks to the Confirmand:

Invitation

David Wiseley, I now invite you to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

The Confirmand may approach the altar and may kneel. The minister may lay his hand on the head of the Confirmand and speak the following blessing. A passage from the Scriptures may also be read.

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Confirmand may be seated.

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

C: Amen.

Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - CW 563

Welcome to Living Savior

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Savior at Living Savior.

- Restrooms are located down the second hallway on your right as you leave the church. More restrooms are available in the NW corner of the fellowship hall.
- Please help us be a friendly church by filling out the Connection Card during the service and placing it in the offering plate on the table just outside the sanctuary.
- Would you like to know more about Jesus, the basic teachings of what it means to be a Christian, or the Bible? Please mark the box on the Connection Card or email Pastor Persons for more information: persons@1791.com.
- If you would like to know more about the ministry of Living Savior, please visit our website, livingsaviormissoula.org.

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Announcements

Today: Family Bible Hour after Worship

Today: Church Council meets following Bible Hour

Tuesday: 10:00am, Lizzie Rahmer Confirmation Class, Church

Wednesday: 10:30am, Devotion at Preschool

Wednesday: 6:30pm, Bible Study – also available via Zoom

Friday: 12:30pm, Women’s Bible Study, Lynn Bernthal’s home (3rd Street)

Saturday: 10:00am, Private Baptism

Next Sunday: 10:00am, Holy Communion scheduled with Worship

