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MISSIONS SUNDAY



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here! In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

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# TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Our Savior is the Savior of the world! We will hear that theme echoed again and again in our readings this morning. And it is that Good News of a Savior from sin that God calls us to proclaim to the world! We do that individually as we live a godly life and talk with those near to us. We do that as a group as we support the world-wide mission efforts of our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guest preacher today is a former missionary to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia and the new pastor at our sister church in Mobile, AL—Saving Grace Lutheran Church.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and have sent your messengers to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that by the witness of your Church many may be brought into your kingdom and worship you, the only true God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Order of Service

## HYMN #778 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard News  
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place, Neigh -  
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, Con -  
 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part To  
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir -



of a Lord who loved and came; Nor  
 bors and friends and far - off lands, Preach  
 stant in prayer, through toil and pain, Tell -  
 this poor, cold, self - cen - tered soul; Touch  
 it of truth, in pow'r come down! So



known his rec - on - cil - ing Word, Nor  
 the good news of sav - ing grace; Go  
 ing of One who died for all, To  
 but my lips, my hands, my heart, And  
 shall they hear and find and prove Christ



learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
 while the Great Com - mis - sion stands.  
 bring a lost world home a - gain?  
 make a world for Christ my goal.  
 is their life, their joy, their crown.

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### Greeting

*This blessing from 2 Corinthians 13:14 reminds us of the foundation of worship: God's grace. He loves us because of Jesus and we have fellowship with God and each other because of the faith the Holy Spirit gives us. The congregation responds by praying the same blessing on their pastor.*

**PLEASE STAND**

### GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*Silence for personal confession and reflection*

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**Amen.**

### **The Confession and Forgiveness of Sins**

*Our God is a holy God, and we are unholy sinners. Before we meet our God, our status before him must change - or he would destroy us. We confess our sins, trusting God's promise to forgive us (See 1 John 1:9). Our Lord wants to forgive our sins. He sent Jesus to make us "at one" (atonement) with God by dying on the cross for our sins. The pastor makes the sign of the cross to remind us we are forgiven only because Jesus died on the cross.*

### **Hymn of Praise**

*Purified of our sin, we respond with a song of praise, based on the angel's song at Jesus' birth. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.*

### **The Word**

*We sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary did, to hear the Word (Luke 10:42). Here is time for meditating, strengthening, forgiveness, instruction, and response.*

### **Salutation**

*This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other - that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God's Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God's Word with power.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

*Following an ancient outline, the prayer of the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## HYMN #778 *"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard*

# The Word

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and have sent your messengers to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that by the witness of your Church many may be brought into your kingdom and worship you, the only true God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

## FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 1155)*

*All of the Scriptures for this day deal with the truth that the Savior is indeed the Savior of the world. The first reading comes from the prophet Isaiah's "book of comfort," chapters 40 to 66 of his prophecy. The last section of this "book of comfort" (ch. 58-66) speaks of the final, glorious deliverance God has in store for his people—the eternal deliverance from this world of sorrow to the glory of heaven. Our reading reveals that the gospel church of the New Testament will be filled with light and be very large, consisting of people from all nations.*

- 60** "Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the LORD rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
All assemble and come to you;  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the arm.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will come.
- <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.  
And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### First Reading

*The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God's mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.*

**Psalm**

*The Psalm is the most ancient part of our worship service. While most of our liturgy is 1,800 years old, Jews have been singing Psalms in worship for 3,000 years.*

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 67*

O God, may the na-tions praise you. O  
God, may the na-tions praise you. <sup>1.</sup> praise you. <sup>2.</sup>

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*The leader will introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the song.  
The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as indicated.*

Refrain.

**Refrain.**

*O God, come and bless us with graciousness and let your light shine on us.  
So will your path be known upon the earth, and all nations know your way!*

**Refrain.**

*Let the nations be glad, for you come to rule the earth with justice.  
With fairness you rule all people, you guide the nations!*

**Refrain.**

*Let all the people praise you, O God, may we praise you.  
May God come and bless us till the ends of the earth!*

**Refrain.**

## SECOND READING *Romans 15:23-33 (pg. 1768)*

*Our Savior is indeed the Savior of the world. As such, the early church saw the importance of sending people to the far reaches of the world to share the good news of a Savior from sin.*

<sup>23</sup> But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, <sup>24</sup> I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. <sup>28</sup> So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

<sup>30</sup> I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. <sup>31</sup> Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, <sup>32</sup> so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. <sup>33</sup> The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Psalm 96:3*

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Refrain. (x2)**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**Refrain. (x2)**

### Second Reading

*The Second Reading is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*The Gospel Acclamation, or Verse of the Day, is a verse, often times from the New Testament, that echoes or reinforces the theme or tone of the focus of today's worship service.*

## Gospel

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.*

## GOSPEL *Matthew 28:18-20 (pg. 1550)*

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 28.

### Glory be to you, O Lord!

*Our Savior is indeed the Savior of the world. Therefore, his desire is that all nations become followers of Christ. As his disciples then and still today travel around, they come into contact with people from all corners of this world. So, he calls his followers to proclaim the cure for sin to all people and all nations. Jesus assures his followers that he will be with them every single day until the completion of time. His disciple-makers will never travel alone.*

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise be to you, O Christ!

## PLEASE BE SEATED

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, do a craft, and have their faith fed through God's Word. The kids will return during the offering after the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY #568 *Good News of God Above*



### Confession of Faith

*We respond to our Shepherd's voice by confessing what we believe concerning our God and all he's done for us.*

### Prayer of the Church

*The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.*

PLEASE STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

**May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**

Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.

**Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

Bless our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries. By the power of your gospel, motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

**Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend, or for others who do not yet believe in you.

*Silent prayer.*

Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.

**Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work of sharing the Gospel. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

*If you would like to help Our Savior with this important mission, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution (the latter two provide options for either one-time or recurring gifts):*

*Place your offering in the plate*

*Use the "Tithe.ly" app on your phone (iOS or Android)*

*Click on "Give" at [OurSaviorBirmingham.com](http://OurSaviorBirmingham.com) on your phone or computer*

**PLEASE STAND**

## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

**Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

### Offering

*Our offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us, which we heard about in the readings and sermon. They are to be given on a regular basis and be the first fruits of what we receive.*

### Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray (See Matthew 6:9-13). The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.*

## Blessing

*This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).*

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

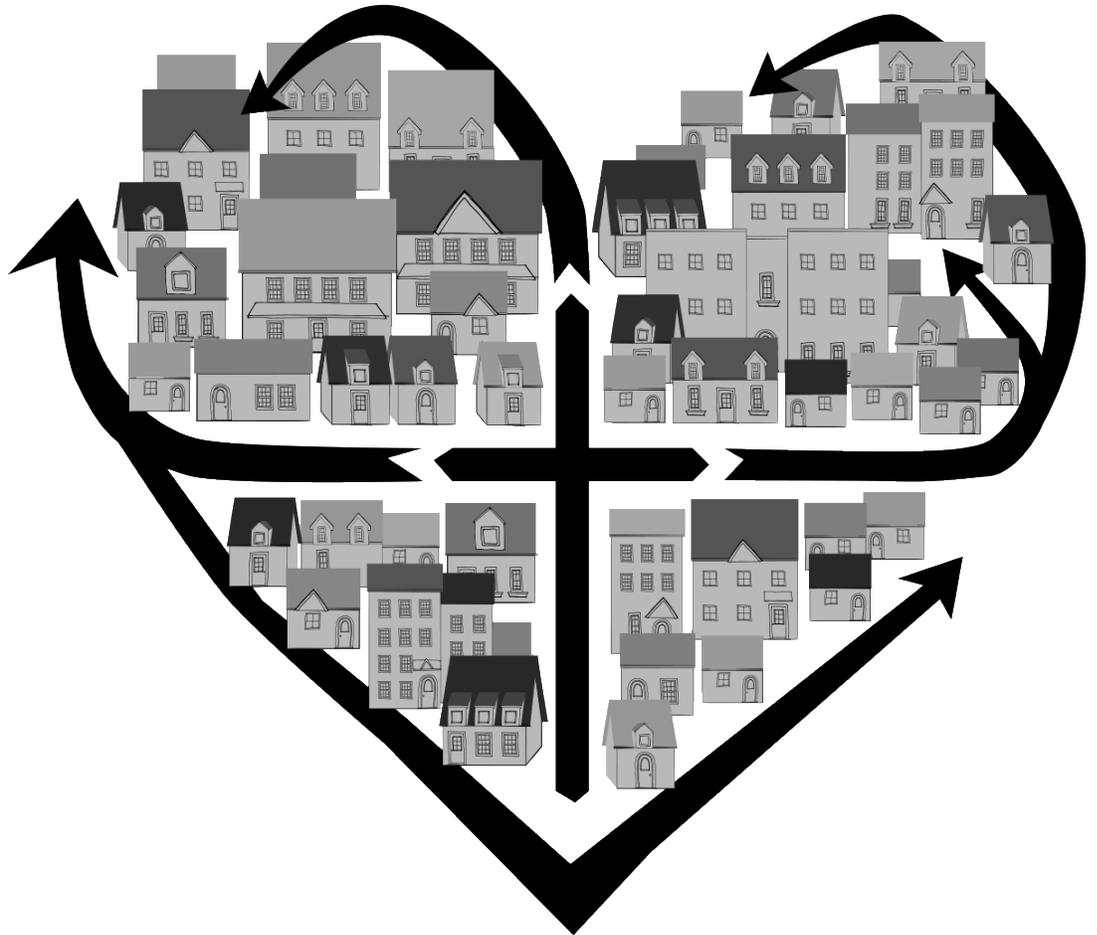
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

## HYMN #559 *Lord of the Living Harvest*

**PLEASE BE SEATED**



# Personal Worship Notes for Kids

What is the name of the church season or special day? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today?  Blue  White  Purple  Red  Green

**The sermon was based on these Bible verses:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is in the  Old Testament  New Testament

What was the sermon about?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**My Favorite Song was:**

\_\_\_\_\_



**Did we have a sacrament today?**

	
Baptism?	Communion?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What did you learn about God today?**

1) What did God tell you about himself?

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What did God tell you about yourself?

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What did God tell you to believe?

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What did God tell you to do?

\_\_\_\_\_



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