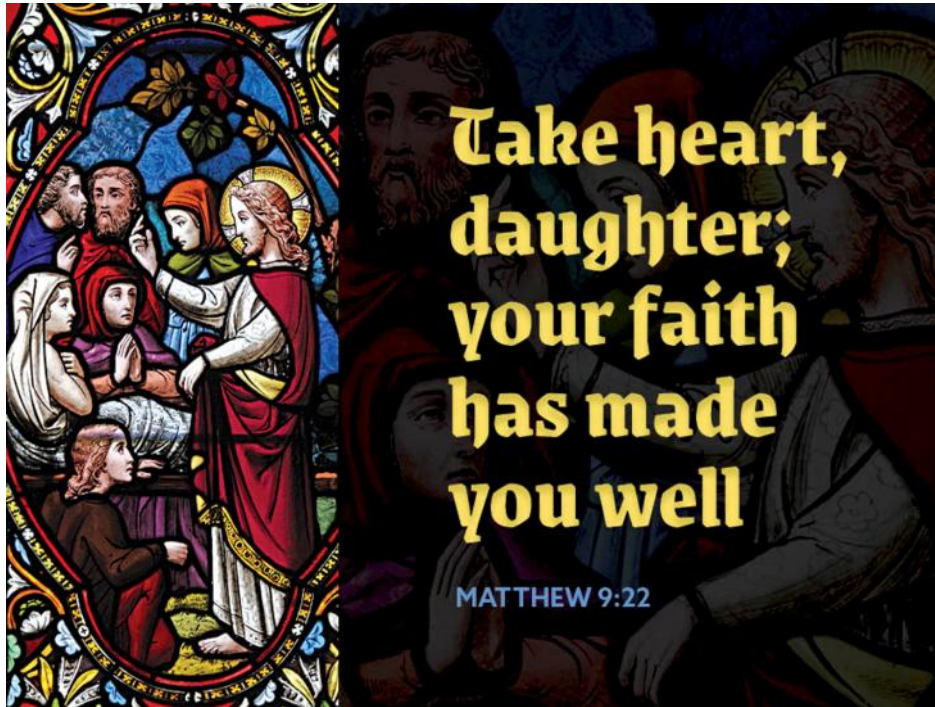


LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 2026**

*Living Saviour Lutheran Church is a faith community
striving to live and love as Jesus did, eagerly welcoming all
and bringing healing, help, and hope to the world.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

LSLC LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The building of Living Saviour Lutheran Church, and the larger area surrounding it, is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Catawba, Cheraw, Sugaree and Waxhaw people. We acknowledge their presence here since time immemorial, and we honor those who lived here before this congregation, or this city, came to be, who were the first stewards of the land, the first people who offered the first prayers and sang the first songs into the very soil under our feet.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

Assisting Minister - **Glenda Kilminster**

Crucifer - **Jackson Thom**

Acolyte - **Henry Schwab**

INSTRUMENTALIST TODAY:

Trumpet - **Gordon Hann**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ronnie & Lynn Stephens in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

THIS WORSHIP FOLDER contains all elements of the worship service. It is designed to encourage your participation. Please read the words in bold print and join in the singing of all hymns. Italicized words are instructions.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the sanctuary and down the short hallway.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

Parents, you are always welcome to bring your children to worship with you. If you are comfortable and prefer having them in supervised childcare, it is available and is under the very capable and loving supervision of Ms. Carla. The Childcare Room is down the steps as you enter the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Someone will be happy to direct you there.

- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** for readers and non-readers are available on the welcome table where the worship folders are located.
- **QUIET BAGS** for use by children during worship have been updated and arranged by age groups. They are located to the left as you enter the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick one up and replace it on the hooks when you leave.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES are on page 22.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Robert Lowry
arr. John Dixon

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

In confidence of your grace and kindness, O God,
and out of a desire to begin again with you and one another,
we confess our sins:

**God of mercy,
whose loving kindness endures forever:
we confess that often we have failed
to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves;
to pardon and to accept pardon.
We remember good intentions that were not put into actions;
harsh words said in anger;
selfish purposes that caused pain and
persistent pride that would not yield.
Accept our repentance and turn us again to you
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
It is with joy that I tell you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Know that you are forgiven and be at
peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

*Please turn to face the processional cross.
As the cross passes your row, please turn to the altar.*

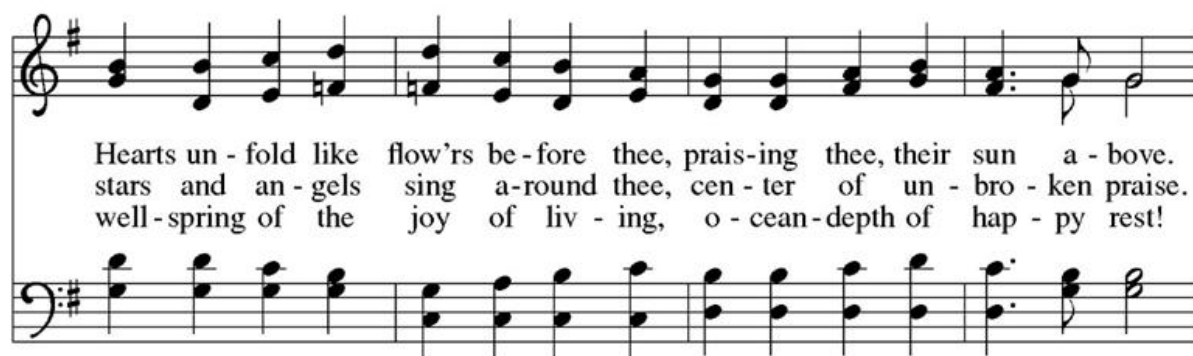
GATHERING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

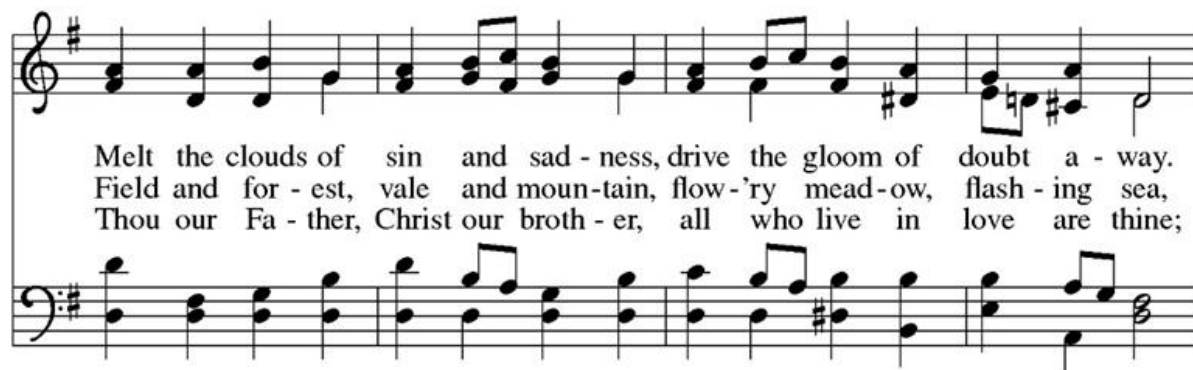
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, born on earth, Redeemer of all humankind, the love of God, who creates time and space, galaxies, stars and planets, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, who fills the earth with his presence be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

Setting Three

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.

By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Hosea 6:1-6

A reading from Hosea.

^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Ilderton

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all of creation is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need especially those we name silently or aloud...
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

After exchanging the peace with those near you, please be seated.

WE SHARE THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

The offering plate is passed. You may also give electronically using the QR code on the back cover.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Standin' In The Need of Prayer"
(Women's Ensemble)


arr. Julie Gaulk

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING HYMN

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

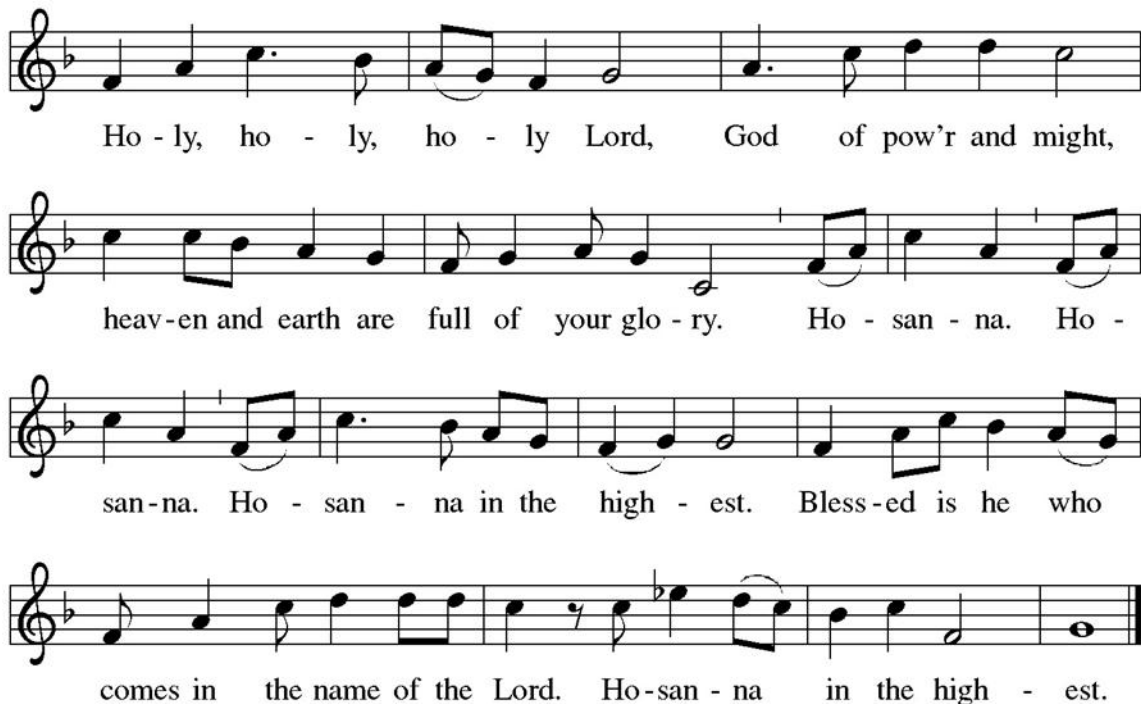
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our privilege and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The celebrant continues with the Words of Institution.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

An usher will direct you forward for Communion.

Communion is served at the head of the aisle.

We use wheat wafers, white grape juice and wine. If you need a gluten free wafer, please make that known to the pastor.

For any who desire a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.*

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

Setting Three

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The assembly is invited to join in singing the hymns.

"Healer of Every Ill"

ELW 612

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

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peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
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Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

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Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. **In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, that we may bring healing, help and hope to the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

BLESSING

May the God who made us,
the + Christ who mends us,
and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace, now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

ELW 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world in faith, knowing that Christ walks with you.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"He Is Risen Indeed"

Jonathan Reuss

2026 HEALTH AND WHOLENESS

The June theme is summer safety.

Tip#1: Prevent dehydration and heat exhaustion with frequent water breaks and avoiding prolonged exposure to heat and sun. Extreme heat can cause involuntary muscle spasms with heavy sweating and fatigue. Heat exhaustion is more serious and presents with symptoms of heavy sweating, clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, headache, rapid pulse and extreme weakness. Immediately move to a cool area and apply cool wet cloths. Heat stroke is life threatening with symptoms of confusion, slurred speech, hot and dry skin, seizures or loss of consciousness. Call 911 immediately. Aggressively cool the body with ice packs and wet towels until help arrives.

Isaiah 4:6 There will be shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sessions on **Caregiving and Caregiver Support** will take place on **Tuesday, June 16th (9am-1pm)** at Rowan County Events Center, Salisbury, NC.

Beginning in **July**, Health & Wholeness will host a 6-week series on **Dementia Caregiver Support** on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. More information forthcoming.

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

THIS WEEK AT LIVING SAVIOUR

Sunday: June 7

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Pat Moehring Piano Recital
- 3:00 Youth & Families Summer Kick Off

Monday: June 8

- 5:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 - Court of Honor
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You

Tuesday: June 9

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You

Thursday: June 11

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You

Saturday: June 13

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You

Sunday: June 14

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship



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