



# Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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**First Sunday in Lent**



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:**

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

**With Regard to Holy Communion:**

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

**To the Parents of Children:**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

## PRELUDE: Lord, Prepare Me



### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Lord, Prepare Me

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, Prepare Me". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - a - ry, Lord, for You." The chords are: Bb13, Eb, Eb, Bb11, Bb7, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Bb7, Eb, Eb, Bb11, Bb7, Fm, Bb13, Eb.

## GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE KYRIE

Musical score for "The Kyrie". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u - pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us." The chords are: Cm, Eb/G, Fm, G, Eb, Gm, Ab, Eb, Gm, Bb, D, G.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

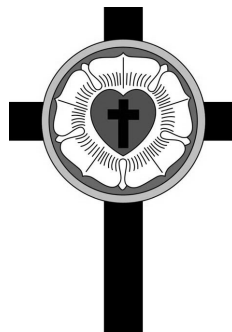
<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,**

for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for me! I stand a - lone on the  
Word of God: the B - I - B - L - E! The B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for  
me! I stand a - lone on the Word of God: the B - I - B - L - E!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

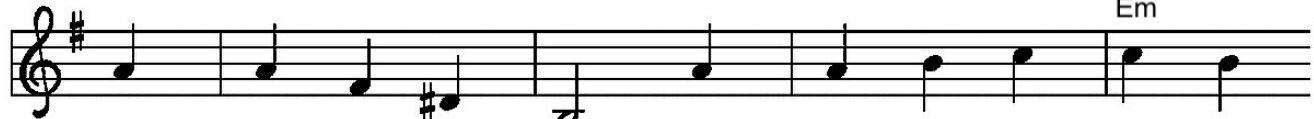
**HOMILY: Pastor Paul**



## HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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## CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Josheau Feingold: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

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Chord progression: Eb Cm Ab Bb Eb Eb Cm F7

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with-

Chord progression: Bbsus Bb Fm/Bb Bb Fm Bb Gmaj Am G/B

in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre-sence, and take not Your

Chord progression: Cm F7 Bb2 Bb Fm/Bb Eb/Bb Bb Eb/Bb

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal-

Chord progression: Ab Bb Eb7 Ab Fm Bb Ebsus Eb Ab Eb

va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.



**ALL: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C C Em Em C7 C7 F2 F Em Em Am D Gsus  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
G Am Em F C F C Dm E  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Am C/G D/F# D7 G  
Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!  
Am Em F C F C/E Dm Dm/F Esus E  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Am C/G D/F# D7 G  
Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ....

People: **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

C C/E Bb/F C Am Em C7 F2 F

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

C C/E Bb/F C Am Em C7 F2 F

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

C C/E Bb/F C D7 G

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



## COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, We Remember You

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Je - sus, we re - mem - ber you!

C Dm Esus E

Je - sus, we re - mem - ber you!

Am Em/G F2 C7/E

With this bread and with this cup,

F/A F/G F2 C

Je - sus, we re - mem - ber you.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace. Your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of eve - ry peo - ple: a light to re -  
veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
Is - ra - el. Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

Chords: Am Em C F G7 C single A D7 G Dsus D G G7 C G (triple) C C/E F G C D G D7 G G/B Am D7 G G7 C G/F C/E C F G C D G D/F# G G/B Am D G G7 Am/E Em C rit. F G7 C



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

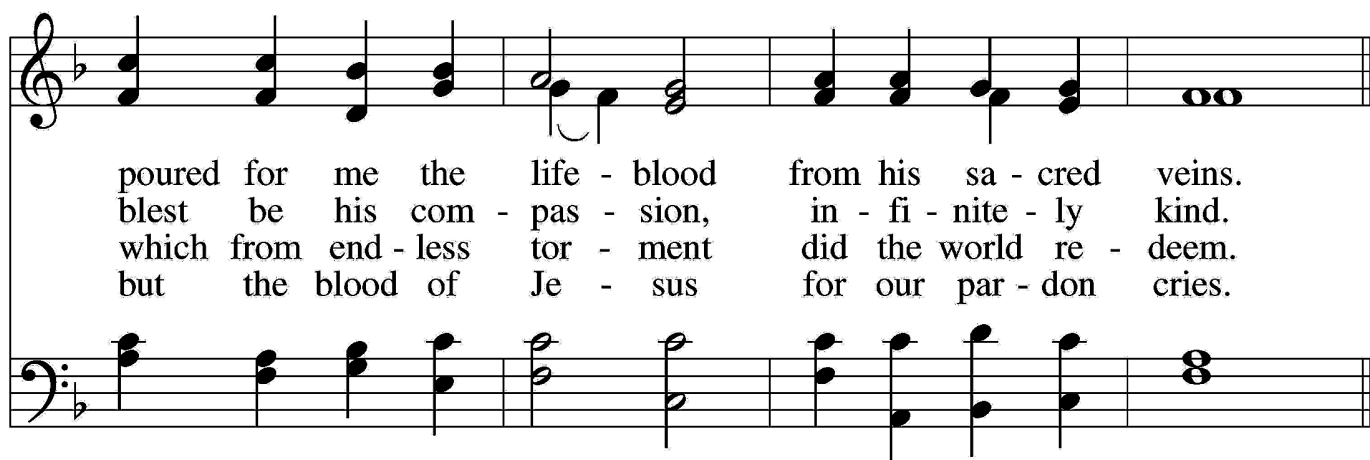
### BENEDICTION

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

 *Go Now*  
*in Peace*  




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## SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Mar 9	Sally Leara	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly
Mar 16	Michael Chomin	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
Mar 23	Ed Moderacki	Sally Leara	John Leara

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 9	Lutheran School Week Worship Service
Mar 11	PS Open House: 4pm-6pm
Mar 12	Lenten Service: 7pm
Mar 16	Sunday School Congregational Meeting Fish Fry: 12pm – 2pm
Mar 18	Council Meeting: 7:30pm
Mar 19	Lenten Service: 7pm
Mar 22	Music at Savior: 7pm
Mar 26	Lenten Service: 7pm
Mar 30	Wee Worship

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