



Church of the Savior

LUTHERAN

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Second Sunday in Lent

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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: "Alas, and Did my Savior Bleed" Josh Sheriff, organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

George Herbert

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as con - quers death.
length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.



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

Chords: Cm Eb/G Fm G Eb Gm

Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u -

Chords: Ab Eb Gm Bb D G

pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**



GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: God So Loved the World (Stainer)

p *cresc.*

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,

This system contains the first two lines of music. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking. The lyrics are "God so loved the world, God so loved the world,". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

mf

that He gave His on - ly be - got - ten Son, that who - so be -

This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The treble staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are "that He gave His on - ly be - got - ten Son, that who - so be -". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

p

liev - eth, be - liev - eth in Him should not per - ish, should not

This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are "liev - eth, be - liev - eth in Him should not per - ish, should not". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

f

per - ish but have ev - er - last - ing life.

This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. The treble staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are "per - ish but have ev - er - last - ing life." The bass staff concludes the accompaniment.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted" Josh Sheriff, organ

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Musical notation for the offertory song, featuring two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

C D G D A D
We give Thee but Thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; All
C G/B C Bmaj Am D G C G
that we have is Thine a - lone, a trust, oh Lord, from Thee. A - men.

ALL: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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!

EUCCHARISTIC 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**

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Love Lifted Me

LOVE LIFTED ME

G C D G G7 C D7 G G7

1. Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed me.
 2. Love will lift you. Love will lift you.
 3. Je - sus loves you. Je - sus love you.

C Am G/D Em G/D D7 G (D7)

When noth - ing else will do. Love lift - ed me.
 When noth - ing else will do. Love will lift you,
 When noth - ing else will do, Je - sus loves you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Am Em C F G7 C single A D7 G

Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace. Your word has

Dsus D G G7 C G₃ C C/E F G

been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

C D G D7 G G/B Am D7 G G7 C G/F

pared in the sight of eve - ry peo - ple: a light to re -

C/E C F G C D G D/F# G G/B

veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple

Am D G G7 Am/E Em C *rit.* F G7 C

Is - ra - el. Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

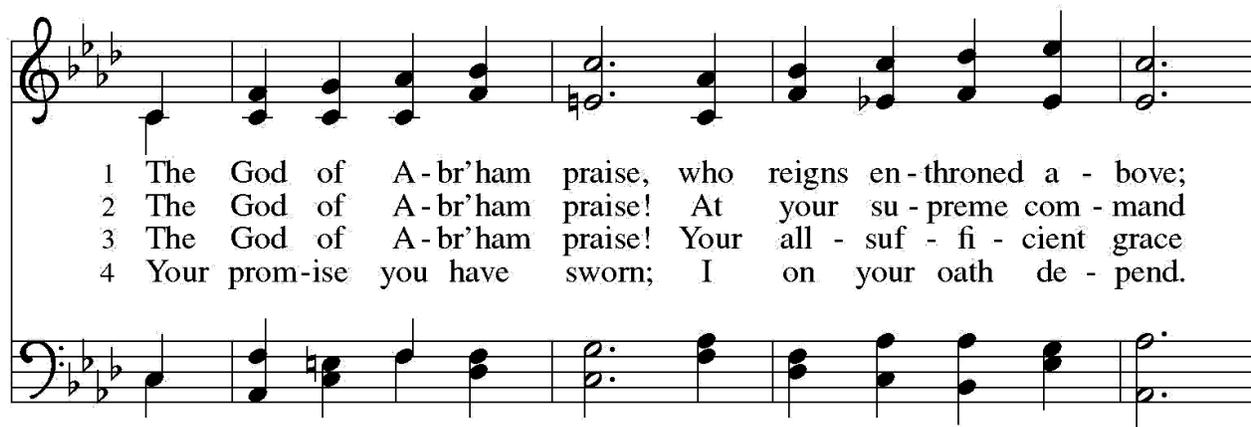
BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. Amen.

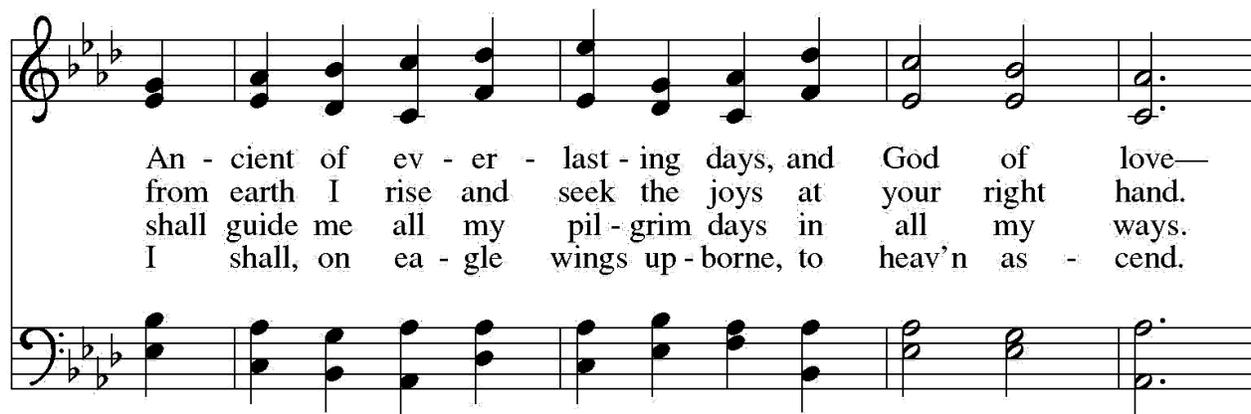
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The God of Abraham Praise



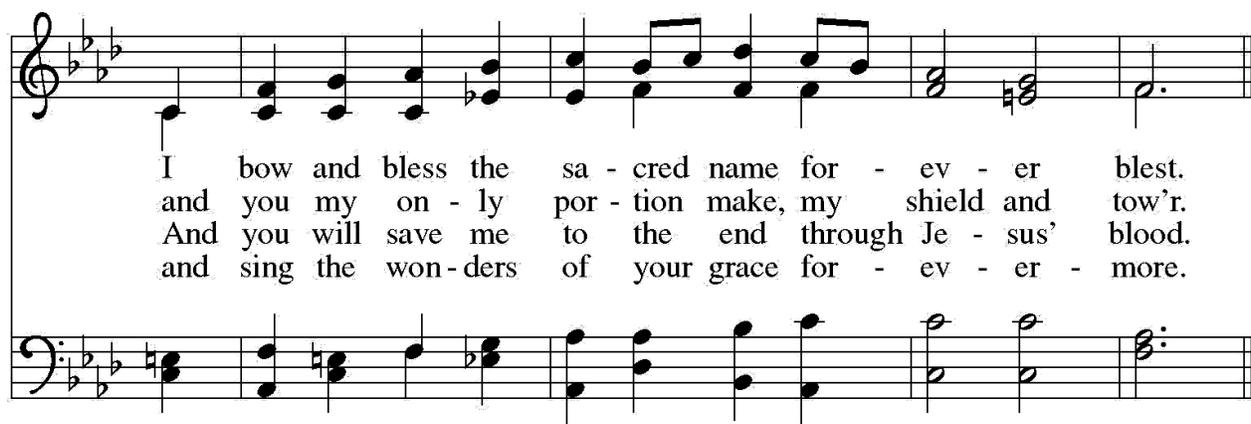
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

 *Go Now*
in Peace




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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Mar 1	Michael Chomin	Sally Leara	Ed Moderacki
Mar 8	Sally Leara	Susan Conrad	Rick Henly
Mar 15	Susan Conrad	Vicki Coyle	Antoinette Walder



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 1	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Mar 1-7	ELCA Lutheran School Week & Scholastic Book Fair
Mar 4	Lenten Service: 7pm
Mar 7	Men's Breakfast
Mar 8	Lutheran School Week Worship Service Fish Fry: 12 until 2pm
Mar 11	Lenten Service: 7pm
Mar 15	Sunday School Congregational Meeting

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