

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the
people and the
people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and
joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His
creation through the life,
death and resurrection of
His Son, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by
the ancient rhythms of
Christian worship,
fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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Second Sunday in Lent - Year B
February 25, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome and Family News

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

Please stand

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED” (LBW #98) Vs 1,2,&4

Alas and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die.
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Chorus:

*At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away.
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day.*

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree.

Chorus

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calvary's cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears.

Chorus

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

^P The Lord be with you. ^C **And also with you.**

^P Eternal and Immortal God, only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life's trials and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

^R This is the Word of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 22:23-31

^R ²³You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

^C ²⁴**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

^R ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

^C ²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

^R ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

^C ²⁸**For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

^R ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

^C ³⁰**Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

^R ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

R This is the Word of the Lord! **C** **Thanks be to God!**

Feeding Our Little Lambs ~ “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

Please stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ “RETURN TO THE LORD”

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MARK 8:27-38

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

A Promise, a Name, and a Backside View

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." -Exodus 33:18

“The person who looks upon the invisible things of God as they are perceived in created things does not deserve to be called a theologian” (M. Luther, *Heidelberg Disputation*, Thesis 19).

“He who perceives the visible rearward [*posteriora*] parts of God as seen in suffering and the cross does, however, deserve to be called a theologian.” (Thesis 20)

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

How deep the Father's love for us	How great the pain of searing loss
How vast beyond all measure	The Father turns His face away
That He should give His only Son	As wounds which mar the Chosen One
To make a wretch His treasure	Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross	His dying breath has brought me life
My sin upon His shoulders	I know that it is finished
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice	
Call out among the scoffers	I will not boast in anything
	No gifts, no power, no wisdom
It was my sin that held Him there	But I will boast in Jesus Christ
Until it was accomplished	His death and resurrection

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

^P Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers the congregation responds... **Hear our prayer.***

^P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

THE OFFERTORY ~ "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

^P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

^C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

PASSING OF THE PEACE

^P The peace of the Lord be with you always. ^C **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

^P The Lord be with you.

^C **And also with you.**

^P Lift up your hearts.

^C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

^P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ^C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

^P It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You call your people to repent of sin and prepare for the joy of the paschal feast. Renew us in faith and holiness, and bring us into the fullness of your grace and truth that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

^C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

^P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

^P Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

^P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

^C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

^P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

^C 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

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution & Communion Hymns

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

“THE POWER OF THE CROSS”

“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY” (LBW #104)

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

^P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ^C Amen

CANTICLE ~ “SONG OF SIMEON”

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal you to the Nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

^P Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. ^C Amen

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (SEE LAST PAGE)

BENEDICTION ~ P. 94 LBW

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN ~ "MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN" (LBW #94) Vs. 2&7

He came from his blest throne,	Here might I stay and sing
Salvation to bestow;	No story so divine!
But men made strange, and none	Never was love, dear King,
The longed for Christ would know.	Never was grief like thine.
But oh, my friend, my friend in deed,	This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
Who at my need his life did spend;	I all my days could gladly spend!
Who at my need his life did spend!	I all my days could gladly spend!

DISMISSAL

P The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name. C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Our Midweek Lenten service continues each Wednesday with a meal at 5:30 and worship service at 6:30. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to volunteer to bring soup, salad, or bread.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE A PLANT?

Please take a moment and look at the Giving Tree poster for the re-landscaping of the grounds that is in the Narthex. There is a list of prices for each plant with which we intend to fill these [soon-to-be] beautiful flowerbeds. This is a pay-as-we-go project, so...if you wish, you may donate a tree, a bush or a flower. Just (1) take one of the little brown envelopes from the giving tree, (2) fill out the information, (3) put in your money or check and (4) drop it in the offering plate or Amanda's office. If you don't want to pick a specific plant...we will still happily take your money!

(Luke 12:27)

OSLC QUILTERS

This Tuesday the OSLC Quilters distributed over 155 finished quilts to charitable organizations throughout the Tyler area. They provided quilts to the Tyler Police Department, Tyler Fire Department, Highway 80 Mission, and Tyler Children's Services to name just a few of the many groups they visited with these warm and welcome tangible bits of love. They will never know exactly who benefits from a specific quilt; but our ladies take comfort in knowing that at some point each of these quilts will warm and comfort a member of our community in distress. It is the Quilter's way of passing on a little of the overflowing love that we enjoy so much at Our Saviour's.

The Quilters meet each Tuesday from 9 until 11. If you have a free morning and would like to see if tie-quilting is something you would enjoy, please join us. You will be met with a happy group that enjoys each other's company and enjoys giving back to our community.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR JASON & RACHEL BOTHNER

Jason grew up in Abilene, TX and was a Managing Partner at Texas Roadhouse where he has worked for 20 years. He enjoys playing softball and watching films. Rachel grew up in Mustang, OK and graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors degree in Secondary Science Education. She taught middle school science in Lewisville ISD 12 years before having kids. Rachel is an avid reader and loves to craft.

Jason and Rachel met in The Colony, TX and have been married 11 years. They moved to Maumelle (Little Rock), Arkansas for 7 years then moved to Tyler just over 2 years ago. They love playing board games as a family.

Max is 9 years old, in 4th grade, and is a swimmer for the Tyler Rose Aquatic Club. Fayth is 8 years old, in 2nd grade, and has recently started horseback riding.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters:	Gloria Bielfeldt & Glory Gopinath
Acolytes:	Ean & Jonah Hollenbeck
Ushers:	Max Lewis & John Minster
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Kristin Blaise
Communion Assistants:	Jan Moch, Becky Chambers, & Carmen Nazario
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

**Upcoming Activities at OSLC
(February 26th - March 3rd)**

Tuesday:	Quilter's	9:00 a.m.
	Spin Class	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Lent Meal	5:30 p.m.
	Lent Service	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Leap Year (29th)	
	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #1	
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Sunday School & Youth	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Monthly Budget	\$ 26,875
Previous February Offerings	\$ 8,720
Offerings on February 14th	\$ 40
Offerings on February 18th	\$ 6,705
Other Weekly Offerings	<u>\$ 1,430</u>
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 8,175
Total February Offerings to Date	\$ 16,895
2024 Offerings to Date	\$ 44,234

February 18, 2024

Attendance Last Week	111
2024 Average Attendance	101

OSLC Reception of New Members – Jason, Rachel, Max, & Fayth Bothner

P: Bothner family, by your baptism you were made one in the Body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in the journey of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this Christian family. Through prayer and study, you have been led by the Holy Spirit to join with OSLC in service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows. Weekly we profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. As members of OSLC, will you be faithful to those ancient words?

Respond: **With God's help, I will.**

P: Do you intend to continue to grow in your spiritual life by hearing God's Word and sharing in His holy supper?

Respond: **With God's help, I will.**

P: Will you challenge us to live up to the things we say we believe?

Respond: **With God's help, I will.**

P: Do you promise to be of service to this congregation, as you are called as a beloved child of God and led by the Holy Spirit?

Respond: **With God's help, I will.**

P: *Let us pray.* We thank you, Lord, for these new members. By Your life-giving power, bind us together that we may live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world. We pray that You would continue to send your Holy Spirit to guide our church. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Congregation's Response:

We welcome you into the family of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father, and workers with us in God's kingdom.

"It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (*Life Together*)