

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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## **Church Mission**

" Bringing Christ  
to the people...  
...the people to Christ "

## **Church Slogan**

Living, Loving,  
Leading, and Laughing;  
that's Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church

## **Our Ministers**

The people

## **Our Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

## **Parish Administrator**

Deborah Miller

## **Financial Administrator**

Carol Lattier

## **Organist & Keyboardist**

Jaeyong Lee

## **Council President**

Bill Videtto

## **Member Goals**

*As disciples of  
our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
we strive to grow in  
faith through daily prayer  
and bible reading,  
attending worship  
services, tithing,  
and serving others.*

**March 1, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**



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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### March 1, 2020 — WELCOME!

It is a pleasure to worship together.  
If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both,  
please fill out the yellow pew card located on the back of each pew.

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#### PRELUDE

*JAERYONG LEE*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand*

#### OPENING HYMN ~ BAPTIZED IN WATER

WOV 693

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King  
Heirs of salvation trusting His promise  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King

One with His rising freed and forgiven  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King  
Born of one Father we are His children  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing

#### WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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: Let us confess together our sin:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gra-**

**cious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting.**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, for gives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. 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.**

### **GREETING**

**P:** May the light and love of God, who wonderfully made you, who graciously redeemed you, who calls you each by name, 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.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE ~ CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

LBW 474

Children of the heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given

God His own doth tend and nourish  
In His holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things He spares them  
In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Though He giveth or He taketh  
God His children ne'er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray;

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 9: 8 - 17**

*Today's reading centers on the conclusion to the flood story. The Lord destroys the earth by flood, except for Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet, divine destruction, because of human sinfulness, gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation (Genesis 1,) God blesses the human community and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3: 18 - 22**

*In this reading, the author emphasizes God's saving action on behalf of Noah, his family, and the creatures. This saving presence continues to be manifested through Christ in the act of baptism.*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SONG**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Please stand

### **LENTEN VERSE ~ WERE YOU THERE LBW 92, v.1**

Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they  
crucified my Lord?

## **GOSPEL: MARK 1: 9 - 15**

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please Sit*

### **SERMON ~ " AFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM "**

**PASTOR MARK BRAATEN**

*Please Stand*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY**

WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry  
I'll be there when you are old  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold

I was there when you were but a child  
With a faith to suit you well  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on  
You were raised to praise the living Lord  
To whom you now belong

If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk till rising sun

In the middle ages of your life  
Not too old no longer young

I'll be there to guide you through the night  
Complete what I've begun

When the evening gently closes in  
And you shut your weary eyes

I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise

I was there to hear your borning cry  
I'll be there when you are old

I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Each day we are called to be Christ's disciples, to live within the covenant of our baptism, and to daily die to sin and rise to new life. I ask

you therefore, to once again reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: May God who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and His kingdom.

**C: Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You lead Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of His own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to His command we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that all who are baptized may live in new life. Wash away all our sin, and bring us forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Please sit

### **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

*Those who desire are invited to come forward to the baptismal font for a renewal of baptism. The pastor will make the sign of the cross on your forehead and say, "You are a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."*

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you with "The peace of the Lord be with you."*

### **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC ~ SHERRY TOWNS**

Please Stand



## THE OFFERTORY - THE DOXOLOGY

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.

## THE PRAYERS

A: The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*( A brief silence )*

A: Let us pray for the church, that it be faithful to your Word, and serve the world with Christ-like humility and genuine love. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Let us pray for all baptized people everywhere. Make us ever mindful of the wonderful gift you have given us in Holy Baptism. Let us and all Christians live in our baptismal covenant, in faith to you and service to others. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Let us pray for our national church, the North American Lutheran Church, that we would be faithful to God's Word. Guide our North Texas Mission District, that we might serve as you have served us. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Let us pray for those who are dealing with disease and illness and grief. We remember *(especially.)* Care for us all in your grace. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Let us pray for this congregation, that we might be faithful in all that we do. Give us the courage and the faith to be open to the new things that you would be about in our midst. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Again we thank you for the incredible gift of baptism. You have claimed us, you love us. Let us live in baptismal grace always. We pray:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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 BLESSING

P: Go forth with joy, celebrating the goodness of our faithful Lord!

C: We leave this place forgiven, that we might forgive; strengthened, that we might serve; and rooted again in the love and promises of God.

## CLOSING HYMN ~ SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

WOV 690

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,

we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.

*Refrain*

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.

*Refrain*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

*Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

P: The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus name.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE ~ JAEYONG LEE

### Worship Servers

LMC: Ryan Gibbs  
Ushers: Ryan Gibbs & Milo Miles  
Acolytes: Annabelle Davis & Charlie Cumming  
Reader: Travis Snyder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship! It is good to gather in the presence of our living Lord! A special welcome to guests and visitors. Please make yourselves at home and let us know how we may be of assistance. If you would, please fill out the yellow "Welcome to OSLC" pew card. The cards may be returned in the offering plate or in the church office.

### **Midweek Lenten Activities**

We offer special Wednesday evening activities during the Lenten season. We will begin this Wednesday, which is Ash Wednesday. Here is our Wednesday schedule:

**6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper** – We share a simple meal of soup and salad. Please come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, please sign up to help with a supper!

**6:30 p.m. – Congregational Prayer Time** - Please mark this Lenten season by joining with others in prayer for our congregation.

**7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship** - We will begin with a study of the Small Catechism, then conclude with a simple Lenten service of confession of sin, prayers, and liturgy.

### **Service of Renewal of Baptism**

Today we have a special service planned. The worship service will focus around a Renewal of Baptism. This is a most appropriate service for the Lenten Season, and a very special time of worship!

### **Congregation-Wide Garage Sale this Saturday**

The congregation's garage sale will be this Saturday from 7:00 until 3:00. We have all sorts of items for sale – thank you congregation for your generous giving! All proceeds from the garage sale will be used for our fund to help senior citizens and those in need in our congregation.

### **VANCO – Automated Giving**

We offer a service for automated giving here at Our Saviour's. We work with a company called VANCO that makes this possible. We have a number of options for giving, and we are working to develop more.

We intentionally want to give our members a number of options for their financial giving. Of course we will pass the offering plates every Sunday! (That is a long and time-honored tradition in the church!) But some of our members have asked for automated giving. We provide that for those who find that more convenient. Right now, you can sign up for weekly withdrawals from your checking account or credit card. Just talk to Carol or Debbie in the office about this.

We are also in the process of exploring some new options. We are working with VANCO to explore setting thing up so you can sign up through our church website. We are also looking at an option of using a mobile app. We have some great possibilities we are just starting to work on and we will be sharing more about this in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your giving! However you choose to give, we appreciate your faithfulness and support!

**See Insert for Other Announcements!!!**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (MARCH 1—MARCH 8)**  
**THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: TUES. & WED. 10:00—2:00**  
*IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865*

**SUNDAY—March 1, 2020**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
 Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth 11:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY**

ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
 CODA 6:30 p.m.  
 Reminder: No Thursday Morning Bible Study During Lent

**MONDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**FRIDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**SATURDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**TUESDAY**

Quilters 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY—March 8, 2020**

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Note: No Sunday School This Sunday, March 8!!

**WEDNESDAY—LENT**

Soup & Salad 6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
 Worship 7:00 p.m.

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 23, 2020 WORSHIP</b>	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,058</u>	Worship Service	141
Prior February Offering	\$ 18,408	Year to Date Average	138
Offerings during the week	1,755		
Offerings on Sunday, February 23	<u>1,762</u>		
Cumulative February Offerings	<u>\$ 21,925</u>		
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 47,113</u>		