Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ to the people... ...the people to Christ" March 7, 2021 Worship Service 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Church Slogan

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

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Stephen (Wally) Seibel

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

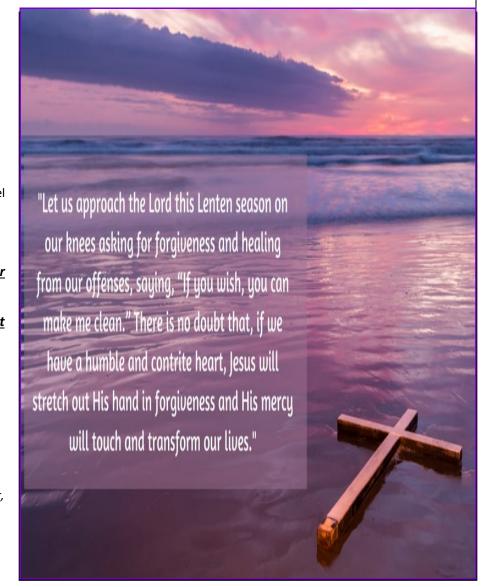
Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Chris Burris

Member Goals

As disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith through daily prayer, regular Bible reading, weekly worship, tithing, and serving others.





TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

- * Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.
- * We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."
- * We begin communing children in the 5^{th} grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5^{th} graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.
- * Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

WORSHIP SERVERS

9:00 A.M. Worship

Ushers: Bob & Launa Tardiff

Reader: Donna Skaar

Music Leader: Sherry Towns Projectionist: Toby Fite

10:30 A.M. Worship

Usher: Ryan Gibbs
Reader: Rachel Gibbs
Music Leader: Sherry Towns
Projectionist: Toby Fite

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 7, 2021 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

LBW 526, VS. 1, 3, & 4

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise!

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory;
thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render;
oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor
of light hideth thee!

CONFESSION OF SIN

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. In the name of Jesus 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: 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 ~ SUNG

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 ~ GLORY TO GOD

LBW P.79, 80

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks. Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

R: The Word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ GIVE ME OIL FOR MY LAMP

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning Give me oil in my lamp, I pray Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning Keep me burning 'til the break of day And I will... Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LENTEN VERSE ~ WERE YOU THERE

LBW 92, verse 3 (only)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

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

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

GOSPEL ~ JOHN 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG BEFORE THE SERMON ~ WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LBW 482, vs. 1-2

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ REV. STEPHEN (WALLY) SEIBEL

Please Stand

SONG OF THE DAY ~ WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LBW 482, VS. 3-4

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." WOV 775

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pastor prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background **Congregation repeats refrain**

Pastor prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background Congregation repeats refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW p. 89

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 right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or session, concluding:)

We praise your name and join their unending praise:

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.

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.'

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.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

LBW p. 92

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.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words, long preserved For our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true, Changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice,
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Chorus

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart...
O, let the ancient words impart...

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see.
He will make a way for me.
He will be my Guide,
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day

He will make a way...He will make a way.

(Repeat)

By a roadway in the wilderness, You lead me.

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Rivers in the desert will I see.
Heaven and earth will fade,
But His Word will still remain.
And He will do something new Today.
God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.

He works in ways we cannot see.

He will make a way for me.

He will be my Guide,

Hold me closely to His side.

With love and strength for each new day

He will make a way...He will make a way.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Refrain:

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing
Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling
Refrain

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

(Sung to the Tune of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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.

BLESSING

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.

CLOSING SONG ~ I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY WOV 752

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?" Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" Refrain

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DR. JAEYONG LEE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acolytes Training

We are glad to announce that we will be offering acolyte training on Sunday, March 14, after the late worship service (approximately 11:45). We invite all youth who are interested in helping the congregation in their worship through this ministry. Often this is a ministry provided by those in the 5th grade through high school, but it is open to anyone who is interested.

Easter Egg Hunt

Starting Sunday March 14th we will be handing out empty plastic Easter Eggs to be filled with wrapped candy. Please return filled eggs by April 28th, Palm Sunday. There will also be sign-up sheets in the Narthex beginning Sunday, March 7 for anyone who is willing to run one of the games and/or decorate. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held 10:00 am Saturday, April 3rd.

Change in Wednesday Night Schedule

We will **not** be meeting at 6:15 for soup and sandwich. Our Wednesday night will begin at 7:00 p.m. with out Worship Service.

Wednesday Worship During Lent

Our Wednesday worship will be on the Biblical Basis of the Liturgy. The Liturgy of the Lutheran book of Worship comes from and is based on various parts of Scripture. During Lent this year, we will be examining various parts of our Liturgy, and looking at the biblical roots of the Liturgy. If you want to get the most out of this guide, I suggest you set aside a short period of time each day and examine a small section of the liturgy, using the material which will be provided.

Call Committee Update

The call committee has sent the completed Congregation Profile to the NALC and our congregation will be added to the Call Process Vacancy list on the NALC website. The profile will also be sent to all pastors available for call in the NALC. Thank you to everyone who completed the congregational survey as this was a very important part of our Congregational Profile.

NALC Disaster Program

Mary Bates the National Director of the NALC Disaster program will be at OSLC on March 13 from 9am to 12pm. All are welcome to met her and learn more about the NALC disaster program. It should be an informative meeting on how and what the NALC provides in a disaster event.

Come Have Coffee with Pastor Wally

We will again be able to get together for Coffee and Conversation. There is enough room for us to meet (masked and socially distanced) and keep warm. Due to weather, we have had to move inside in the previous weeks. Pastor Wally will be there from 1:30—3:00 on Wednesdays.

<u>Facebook</u>

If You Are On Facebook..."friend" Pastor Wally (Stephen Seibel on FB).

BYOB

BYOB – Bring your own Bibles on Sundays to read the gospel lessons.

Prayer Chain

Our Saviour's has a prayer chain which is sent out by email. If you are not on this chain and would like to be, please contact Debbie at 903-561-1865 or via email at dmiller@oslctyler.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (MARCH 7—MARCH 14, 2021)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: VARIES DUE TO COVID-19.

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865 AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS,

LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

Early Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. CODA 6:00 p.m. Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon Coffee and Con- 1:30—3:00 versation with Pastor Wally Lent Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

No Activities Planned

SUNDAY—March 14, 2021

Early Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Acolytes Training 11:45 a.m.



Remember to Pick-Up Your Easter Eggs



STEWARDSHIP		FEBRUARY 28, 2021	
Monthly Budget	\$ 19,900	Attendance February 28 Early Service: 31 Late Service: 72	103
Prior February Offerings Offerings on Sunday, Feb. 28 Offerings during the week	\$ 9,423 2,768 <u>925</u>	Average Attendance 2021	75
Total Feb. Offerings	<u>\$ 13,116</u>		
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 29,986</u>		