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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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C) MARCH 27, 2022 • 10:00 A.M.



To Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone. Please contact us if we can be of help in any way. Pastor Martin Moore: 979-551-6222 • martinmoore55@gmail.com Our Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Office: 903-561-1865 • amandataylor@oslctyler.org

Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

Welcome and Family News

- It is a pleasure to worship together. If you are a newcomer, have a prayer request, or would like to receive a call or visit from Pastor Martin, please fill out the yellow card on the back of each pew. Information on our core beliefs, structure and mission is available at the Welcome Table and on our website.
- We practice open communion. All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome. We begin communing children in 5th grade and offer a communion class to prepare them to receive this Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS"

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "IN CHRIST ALONE" (VS 1,2,&4)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All-in-all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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: The true light has come into the world in the Word made flesh. Let us bring our sin into the light of God, that we may be healed.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P: God of our salvation,
- C: We have failed to respond to your life-giving Spirit in our relationships with you, with one another, and with your creation. Have mercy for the sake of Jesus, your gift to us. Forgive us by grace, renew us in love, and lead us with joy so that we may bear your peace to all the earth.
- P: Blessed be God who chose you in Christ! God forgives all your trespasses; in Christ you are children of the Most High, you are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit, that you may live to the glory of God.
- C: Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace 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: Reconciling God, in you is mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, let us always rejoice in the never-ending and limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness for repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen
- C: Amen

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 12:1-6

R: ¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.
²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."
³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the

earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

PSALM 32

- R: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- C: ²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- R: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- C: 4For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- R: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- C: 6I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- R: ⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- C: ⁸You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- R: ⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- C: ¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- R: ¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- C: ¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

R: ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of

reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED" (LBW #117, vs 4) Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die; Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move; For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th Chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- P: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32 The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

The Parable Of Two Lost Sons

"The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable . . . 'There was a man who had two sons....'" -Luke 15:1-3, 11

Prod-i-gal – adjective

1. Recklessly extravagant

2. Characterized by wasteful expenditure -Merriam-Webster Dictionary

"The original hearers [of this parable] were not melted into tears by this story but rather they were thunderstruck, offended, and infuriated. Jesus' purpose is not to warm our hearts but to shatter our categories. Through this parable Jesus challenges what nearly everyone has ever thought about God, sin, and salvation . . . Jesus is saying that both the irreligious and the religious are spiritually lost, both life paths are dead ends...." *-The Prodigal God*, Timothy Keller

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" ~ (LBW #390)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Chorus I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Chorus*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Chorus*

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 OF THE CHURCH

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:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand and remain standing for the Sharing of the Peace and The Great Thanksgiving

The Offertory ~ Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heartBeGive thanks to the Holy OneAndGive thanks because He's givenLeJesus Christ His SonBeAnd now let the weak say I am strongGiLet the poor say I am richGi

Because of what the Lord has done for us And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us Give thanks

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our vocations, our time, our possessions—all signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Holy Meal

We come to the table at the gracious invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. So come to this table—you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to the Sacraments often, and you who have not been in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed—come. It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here. Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE)

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Please remain standing

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: 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. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all of the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You and saying:
- 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: 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: 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. 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.'

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come Let us Eat" (*LBW* #214)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together, Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest,

In his presence now we meet and rest, In the presence of our Lord we gather, In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word, Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

"THE POWER OF THE CROSS"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then Nailed to a cross of wood

<u>Chorus</u>

This the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us Took the blame bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life Finished the vict'ry cry *Chorus*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds For through Your suff'ring I am free Death is crushed to death life is mine to live Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us What a love what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" (WOV #671)

<u>Chorus</u>

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the king of creation.

Chorus

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Chorus

We have been crucified with Christ; Now we shall live forever.

Chorus

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Chorus*

Who is this King of glory	Who is this King of glory
Maker of all the heavens	Born to the virgin Mary
Author of all creation Whose simple words co	
What is His name	the dead
Who is the One who formed us	And heal the lame
Made us into His image	He gave His life for many
At whose voice will all of heaven	Was crucified and buried
One day bow in praise	But on the third day
	He rose up from the grave
<u>Chorus</u> His name is Wonderful His name is Counsellor His name is Prince of peace the living Word His name is mighty God eternal Father	Ransomed for my release He came to set me free Oh how amazing
His name is Jesus His name is Lord	Is my Saviour's love for me

"HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL"

Please stand

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 ~ "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

BENEDICTION ~ (P. 95 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

CLOSING HYMN ~ ""IN CHRIST ALONE" ~ (VS 1&4)

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week!

The 2022 Lenten Season has two more Sundays (March 27, April 3).

Beyond this season we follow Jesus Christ our Savior ...

... to His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

... to the Passover with His disciples, where He institutes the Holy Supper of His body and blood.

... to the climax of His earthly pilgrimage, His suffering and death on the Cross, where He, the Lamb of God and the Hope of the world, takes away the sin of the world.

... to the tomb of His burial, under imperial seal and guard.

... to the empty tomb and the empty shroud, and to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection.

Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Worship Service with Procession of Palms

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

Christ's Institution of the Supper of His Body and Blood Worship Service with Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) *Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord*

Sunday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Breakfast will be provided between the services. (Free-will donations accepted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th at 10:00 a.m. There will be age-appropriate hunting grounds for ages pre-school through sixth grade, games, face painting, snacks, and more.

Please volunteer to fill any of the positions noted at the sign-up table and/or grab a bag of plastic Easter eggs for filling. These filled Easter eggs need to be back by Palm Sunday, April 10th, or sooner if possible.

Volunteer Opportunity... Sunday School Curriculum

We will be reviewing and ordering curriculum for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year this coming June. If interested in joining this committee (approx. 3 meetings) please contact Carmen Nazario at 972-533-9935.

Save The Date! VBS

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 3rd-8th!

Luther Hill Summer Camp

Any student completing grades 2nd-8th is welcome to sign up for church camp at Lutherhill, July 24-29, 2022. Please register at <u>www.luterhill.org</u> **as soon as possible**, to increase our chances of getting that week. No one will need a GHR ID. If your child wants a cabinmate, request this on dashboard (bottom right under optional items) which immediately follows the login screen. Transportation to/from camp will be provided. Scholarship for camp tuition is available - please see Pastor Martin.

Youngn - completed 2nd or 3rd grade Yearling - completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade Jr. High - completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade

NALC Disaster Relief Donations Request

We are asking for donations of bath towels. They do not need to be new, just gently used. We also need combs, toothpaste, deodorant, and floss. Please place these items on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The plan is to make hygiene bags with Prime Timers in May. Thank you for all of your support.

Our Worship Servants This Morning:		
Greeter:	Chelsea Payne	
Acolytes:	Charlie and Caedmon Cumming	
Ushers:	Alan Cumming and Max Lewis	
Cantor:	Blaine Davis	
Reader:	Travis Snyder	
Communion Assistant:	Jana Snyder	
Projectionist:	Toby Fite	

Upcoming Events at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Mar 7-13)				
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.		
Wednesday:	Meal	5:30 p.m.		
	Lenten Service	6:30 p.m.		
Thursday:	Bible Study (Engaging God's Word)	10:00 a.m.		
	CODA	6:00 p.m.		
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #1			
Sunday:	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.		
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.		
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.		

Stewardship

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$	23,740
Prior March Offerings:	\$	10,301
Offerings on March 20th: Other Weekly Offerings: Total Weekly Offerings Total March Offerings:	<u>\$</u> \$	5,521 <u>1,470</u> 6,991 17,292
2022 Offering to Date:	\$	75,302

March 20, 2022

Attendance Last Week	88
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2022 Average Attendance 93