

# 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!*

## **Our Pastor**

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When our spirits fail us and we do not know which way to turn, we need not despair altogether. God knows our way. He knows — not only our feelings of hopelessness, but also how to lead us out of troubles and back on the right path. He is our refuge; he is all we need in difficult times.

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"The children chant the Psalms in order to learn them; the people also sing in order either to learn or to pray."

Book of Concord *Apology*, XV: (Human Traditions in the Church)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

MARCH 19, 2023 • 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.

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Our Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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**Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee**

### Welcome and Announcements

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, so that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion. We begin communing children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and offer a class to prepare them to receive this Sacrament.

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY” (LBW #543)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health  
and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is  
wondrously reigning and, as on wings of  
an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has  
been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you; surely his  
goodness and mercy shall daily  
attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all  
that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now  
with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

## 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. 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

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: Holy One, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 ~ ISAIAH 42:14-21**

R: <sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 142

R: <sup>1</sup>I cry to the LORD with my voice; to the LORD I make loud supplication.

C: <sup>2</sup>**I pour out my complaint before him and tell him all my trouble.**

R: <sup>3</sup>When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

C: <sup>4</sup>**I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.**

R: <sup>5</sup>I cry out to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

C: <sup>6</sup>**Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

R: <sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name; when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

SECOND READING ~ EPHESIANS 5:8-14

R: <sup>8</sup>... {F}or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "RISE AND SHINE"

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Children of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "RETURN TO THE LORD" *LBW, P. 83*

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

*Please stand*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th Chapter.

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

JOHN 9:1-7

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE**  
When Feelings Overtake Faith

**Hymn Of The Day ~ "I Love You, Lord"**

I love You Lord and I lift my voice  
To worship You O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King In what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear (Repeat)

## 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**

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

## 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**



**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: 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: 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.'*

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**

**"HERE I AM, LORD" (WOV #752)**

**(ON SCREEN)**



“GOD WILL MAKE A WAY”

Chorus:

*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.  
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.  
(Chorus)

“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

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:

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us*

*Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

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

“EAT THIS BREAD” (WOV #709)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

*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 ~ "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"**

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen

**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 ~ "GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING" (WOV #721) Vs 1&4**

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.	I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.	I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever	I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, with my blessing,	Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A Call for Vocalists!

The choir will learn a new hymn for Easter. We could really use a few more voices! Can you help? If so, please contact Dr. Jaeyong Lee at 806-549-8310 or email at [klavierliebe@hotmail.com](mailto:klavierliebe@hotmail.com)

### Time & Talent Sheets

Have you filled out a Time & Talent Survey? Would you like to serve on a new committee? We are especially in need of more Communion Assistants, Greeters, and Ushers. There are many areas where you can help serve in our church and you don't have to be a member to do so. Regular visitors are also welcome to serve! Please pick up a form in the Narthex, check off what you are interested in, and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please see or call Cliff Dengerud at 903-714-5989.

### Soup Suppers

Join us during our weekly Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers. (6:00 pm-6:45 pm) These simple meals continue through the month of March. Signup sheets have been posted in the Narthex.

### Sunday School Schedule of Events

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8th, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC), 10:00 am

**Lutherhill:** Any student completing grades 2nd-8th is welcome to sign up for church camp at Lutherhill, June 18th-23rd. Please sign up as soon as possible to get that date. Sign up at [lutherhill.org](http://lutherhill.org). (Scholarships are available, see Pastor Martin.)

Youngn- completed 2nd or 3rd grade

Yearling- completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grade

Jr. High - completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade

No one will need a GHR ID number. If your child wants a cabinmate, request this on dashboard (bottom right under optional items) which immediately follows the login screen.

**Sunday School's last day** for the 2022-2023 school year is May 7, 2023.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held at OSLC June 26th-30th. Registration will start in May. More to follow.

### Upcoming Events at OSLC (March 20-26)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
	Financial Audit	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Soup & Salad	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
Sunday:	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	4:30 p.m.

### Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Becky Chambers
Acolytes:	Charles & Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Robert & Nicholas Henriksen
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Kristin Blaise
Communion Assistants:	Courtney Henriksen, Alan & Sarah Cumming
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

### Stewardship

**March 12, 2023**

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 25,245	Attendance Last Week	85
Previous March Offerings:	\$ 5,252	2023 Average Attendance	102
Offerings on March 12th:	\$ 1,825		
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 2,075</u>		
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 3,900		
Total March Offerings:	\$ 9,152		
Total Offerings to Date:	\$ 66,868		