



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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 C)

MARCH 16, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



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## Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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

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**Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee**

*You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship*

### Welcome to Our Saviour's

- 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 Guest Connect Card** on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have any **prayer requests**, needs, or concerns, please complete the **blue card** on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Pastor Stephen 'Wally' Seibel. In this sense, the Lord's Body and Blood offered today is an extension of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Alter at that time.

**"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him."**

Psalm 96:9

*Please stand*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" VSS 1, 2, 4

On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Oh, that old rugged cross  
So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God  
Left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.      *Chorus*

*Chorus:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
'Till my trophies t last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day  
To my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

*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.*

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

<sup>P</sup> 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.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

<sup>P</sup> 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.*

<sup>P</sup> Most merciful God,

<sup>C</sup> **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**

<sup>P</sup> 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.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## KYRIE

<sup>A</sup> In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**

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

<sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**

<sup>A</sup> 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.    <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**

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

<sup>A</sup> Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.    <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

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

## **Prayer of the Day**

P “See Insert”    C **Amen**

*Please be seated*

## **The Service Of The Word**

### **FIRST READING ~ JEREMIAH 26:8-15**

R “See Insert”    R This is the Word of the Lord!    C **Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALMODY ~ PSALM 4:1-8**

R “See Insert”

### **SECOND READING ~ PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1**

R “See Insert”    R This is the Word of the Lord!    C **Thanks be to God!**

### **CHILDREN’S SONG ~ “I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS”**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

## **Feeding Our Little Lambs**

*Please stand*

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ “RETURN TO THE LORD” ~ (P. 83 LBW)**

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. Luke the 13th Chapter.    C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 13:31-35

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

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON ~ BLAINE DAVIS**

### **THE MENDING WAY TO JERUSALEM**

**PLEASE STAND**

Hymn Of The Day ~ "ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED " VSS 1-4 (LBW #98)

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

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker died  
For his own creature's sin.

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

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.

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 & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Please stand*

The Doxology~ PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (LBW #564)

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

<sup>P</sup> Let us pray. Merciful Father, <sup>C</sup> **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our vocations, our time, 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*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

<sup>P</sup> The peace of the Lord be with you always. <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

*At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbors*

**THE HOLY MEAL**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW**

<sup>P</sup> The Lord be with you.

<sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

<sup>P</sup> Lift up your hearts.

<sup>C</sup> **We lift them up to the Lord.**

<sup>P</sup> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <sup>C</sup> **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

<sup>P</sup> It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace 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:

**SANCTUS**

<sup>C</sup> **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**

<sup>P</sup> Whenever we gather for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the wonderful story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that 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.*

<sup>P</sup> 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.*

<sup>P</sup> For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

<sup>C</sup> **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

<sup>P</sup> 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.

<sup>C</sup> **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

<sup>P</sup> 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.

<sup>C</sup> **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

<sup>P</sup> We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.

<sup>P</sup> Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

<sup>C</sup> **Amen**

<sup>P</sup> Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

<sup>C</sup> **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:

“THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY” (LBW #290)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heav’n.  
There is no place where earth’s failings  
Have such kindly judgment giv’n.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
There is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind;  
And the heart of the eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the head.

’Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
It is something more than all:  
Greater good because of evil,  
Larger mercy through the fall.  
If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.

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

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.



“CROWNS”

There is a hill I cherish  
Where stood a precious tree  
The emblem of salvation  
The gift of Calvary  
How is it I should profit?  
While He is crucified  
Yet as His life was taken  
So I was granted mine

*Chorus*

*My wealth is in the cross  
There is nothing more I want  
Than just to know His love  
My heart is set on Christ  
And I will count all else as loss  
The greatest of my crowns  
Mean nothing to me now  
For I counted up the cost  
And all my wealth is in the cross*

I will not boast in riches  
I have no pride in gold  
But I will boast in Jesus  
And in His name alone  
Chorus

Yes all my wealth is in the cross

And when I stand in glory  
My crowns before the Lord  
Let this be my confession  
My wealth is in the cross  
Chorus x2

And all my wealth is in the cross  
Yes all my wealth is in the cross  
My wealth is in the cross  
Yes all my wealth is in the cross

Please stand

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

<sup>P</sup> The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.   <sup>C</sup> **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** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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 ~ "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" VSS 1-3 (LBW #117)

O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown.

O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

How art thou pale with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage languish  
Which once was bright as morn!

Thy grief and bitter Passion,  
Were all for sinner's gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?

Oh make me thine forever,  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to thee.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in Peace, serve the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

### **Our Worship Servants This Morning:**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Greeter:              | Tom & Joyce Lewis                             |
| Acolyte:              | Max Bothner                                   |
| Ushers:               | Jason Bothner & Todd Nazario                  |
| Reader:               | Peggy Jones                                   |
| Communion Assistants: | Kristin Blaise, Carmen Nazario, Linda Webster |
| Projectionist:        | Toby Fite                                     |

### **Upcoming Activities at OSLC (March 17-23)**

|            |                         |                   |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Monday:    | Men's Group             | 8:00 PM           |
| Tuesday:   | Quilters                | 9:00 AM           |
|            | Spin Class              | 6:00 PM           |
| Wednesday: | Lenten Supper & Service | 5:30 PM & 6:30 PM |
| Thursday:  | Bible Study             | 10:00 AM          |
|            | Social Ministry         | 11:00 AM          |
|            | Prime Timers            | 11:30 AM          |
|            | CODA                    | 6:00 PM           |
| Saturday:  | Altar Guild Team #2     |                   |
| Sunday:    | No Sunday School        |                   |
|            | Bible Study             | 9:00 AM           |
|            | Choir                   | 9:15 AM           |
|            | Worship                 | 10:00 AM          |
|            | Confirmation            | 4:00 PM           |

### **Attendance**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Sunday, March 9, 2025: | 55 |
| 2025 Average:          | 78 |

### **Stewardship**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Last Week's Offerings:        | \$ 12,270 |
| 2025 Total of Mar. Offerings: | \$ 15,053 |
| 2025 Total Offerings to Date: | \$ 66,967 |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, March 19th – Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 PM  
Vespers Service 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 20 – Social Ministry Meeting 11:00 AM  
Prime Timers 11:30 AM

**No Sunday School on March 23rd**

Sign up sheets in the Narthex for Soup Suppers for March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th

**5th Sunday Potluck on March 30th**

## PRAYER LIST

### Our Members

Peter Eng, Chris Burris, John Minster, Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, AJ & Tammy Noecker, Jeanine Franklin, Ruth Chauvaux, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Jim & Janet Anthony, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Larry & Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson, Ellie Sadek, Margo Williams

### Family & Friends

Nick Lopez, Clayton Pinkerton, Milo Day, Ann Spears, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Rebecca Smith, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

If you have any updates or changes to the prayer list, please contact  
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