



# 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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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

(YEAR A)

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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 Daniel 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 sign the attendance roster.
- 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ SEE INSERT**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED" Green Hymnal #98 VERSES 1-3*

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!

### **INVOCATION**

P: We gather in this sanctuary, and we worship, in the name of the Father, and of the  
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## 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: 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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the Good News, "Your sins are forgiven," in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship 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 are the fountain of living water. Stir within us a renewed sense of the gift of Your mercy, given through Your grace in the waters of baptism. Give us this living water always; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING ~ EXODUS 17:1-7

L: The first reading is from the book of Exodus, the 17th chapter. *"See Insert"*

L: This is the Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God!**

### PSALMODY ~ PSALM 95:1-9 ESV

L: We will read Psalm 95 responsively. *"See Insert"*

### SECOND READING ~ ROMANS 5:1-8

L: The second reading is from the book of Romans, the fifth chapter. *"See Insert"*

L: This is the Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

### 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

### THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 4:5-30, 39-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O LORD.** *"See Insert"*

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT "

If you're happy and you know it Say "Amen!" Amen!

If you're happy and you know it Say "Amen!" Amen!

If you're happy and you know it

Then your life will surely show it

If you're happy and you know it Say "Amen!" Amen!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE ~ PASTOR JEFFERY CARPENTER

*Please stand*

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "LAMB OF GOD"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but You have sent Him from Your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,  
they laughed and scorned Him  
as He died;  
the humble King they named a fraud,  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died,  
but You have brought me to Your side  
to be led by Your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED

A: Let us declare our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: 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 to the dead.**

**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 GOD'S PEOPLE

A: Let us pray,

A: Loving and Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for inviting us to accompany You in the wilderness of Lent. We thank You for the healing and rest we experience within Your sanctuary each and every Sunday.

*LORD in Your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of both law and love, keep us from words & actions – no matter how well intended – that are contrary to Your Holy Will. Engrave Your commandments upon our hearts. Empower us to live according to Your commandments. Yes Lord, reform us so that we would love You with our hearts, souls, minds and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. *LORD, in Your mercy.*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the good heritage You have given us – most of all for the heritage of Your Son. We thank You for the unbroken chain of faithful who have gathered around Word and Sacrament, century after century. We thank You for the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. For a past that gives us a longer perspective than our own experiences; for a present full of insight and opportunity; for a future full of potential and promise. Help us to live lives worthy of such grace. *LORD, in Your mercy.*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Father, we ask You to bless those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries, birthdays and other special events this week.  
We ask You to bless all who mourn with Your comfort and Your promises.  
We ask You to be present with those who are hurting spiritually, emotionally, or physically;  
Be present with those who are facing tests, treatments, surgery and who are now in hospital;  
Give freedom to those struggling with addictions;  
Restore good economy to those who are unemployed or under employed.  
Bring reconciliation to wounded relationships.  
Heavenly Father, there are so many to pray for.  
Hear our prayers for those we softly name before You now: *pause ...*  
*LORD, in Your mercy.*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus Christ, breathe Your Holy Spirit upon Your Church. Clear our hearts of those things that clutter them, that we may love You more deeply. Sweep away the dullness of our minds, that we may be alert to Your Holy Will and Way. Banish from our wills any weakness that prevents us from following You more faithfully. Give us wisdom to know Your holy Will and courage to pursue it. *LORD, in Your mercy.*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O LORD, into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray.  
We will trust in Your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.     **C: And also with you.**

*At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the LORD with your neighbors  
Please be seated*

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Please stand and remain standing for Communion*

**DOXOLOGY** "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" GreenHymnal #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

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: We present to You these offerings, signs of our stewardship of what You have given us to manage. We know that through these offerings and the sharing of our talents and abilities, the ministries of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are made possible and powerful. We pray for those among us who will use these offerings, that the decisions they make will be wise, will build up Your Kingdom, and will please You. So having placed them before You, we pray Your blessing on them in the Name of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen**

## THE HOLY MEAL

**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: 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

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in the remembrance of me.*

P: 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 in the remembrance of me.*

P: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is 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**

*Please be seated*

LAMB OF GOD ~ Green Hymnal 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 HYMNS

"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

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS” *GREEN HYMNAL #482*

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.

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.

“TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

*Refrain:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conqu'rors we are!  
*Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you—  
He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! *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 "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**

A: Let us pray.

**C: We give You thanks, Almighty God, that You refreshed us through the healing power of the 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. Amen**

**BENEDICTION ~ Green Hymnal p. 95**

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**

**"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" VERSES 1, 2, & 4**

On a hill far away	Oh, that old rugged cross
Stood an old rugged cross,	So despised by the world,
The emblem of suffering and shame;	Has a wondrous attraction for me;
And I love that old cross	For the dear Lamb of God
Where the dearest and best	Left His glory above,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.	To bear it to dark Calvary. <i>Chorus</i>

<i>Chorus:</i>	To the old rugged cross I will ever be
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross	true, Its shame and reproach gladly
'Till my trophies t last I lay down;	bear; Then He'll call me some day
I will cling to the old rugged cross,	To my home far away, Where His
And exchange it some day for a crown.	glory forever I'll share. <i>Chorus</i>

**DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE**

A: Go, live as disciples of Christ Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God. And, we will!**

## Our Worship Servants This Morning

Greeter: Tom & Joyce Lewis and Clara Watkins  
Acolyte: Clara Watkins  
Ushers: Preston Graham and Max Lewis  
Assistant & Cantor: Colten Watkins  
Reader: Sylvia Miller  
Communion Assistants: Colten Watkins, Glory Gopinath, Amy Norris  
AV Booth: Becky Chambers and Michael Grinnell

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES MARCH 9-15

**Monday** Men's Group 8:00 PM  
**Tuesday** Quilters 9:00 AM  
Videtto Zoom 4:00 PM  
Spin 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday** Embroiderers 9-3  
Capo group 11:00 AM  
Soup Supper 5:30 PM  
Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 PM  
Pastor group 6:30 PM  
**Thursday** Bible Study 10:00 AM  
Chambers group 4:00 PM  
Watkins group 6:00 PM  
CoDA 6:00 PM  
**Saturday** Altar Guild  
Kern group 9:00 AM  
**Sunday** No Sunday School  
Choir 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Buntz group 11:30 AM

#### Attendance

Sunday, March 1st: 124  
2026 Average 110

#### Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings	\$ 29,516
Month of February	\$ 40,263
Monthly Goal	\$29,677
2026 Total Offerings to Date	\$ 93,060

## PRAYER LIST

### Our Members:

Richard Eck, Susan Walker, Ed Lucas, Jana Snyder, Earl Wruck, John Ferguson, Limuel Norris, Glory Gopinath, Tom Criswell, Jim & Janet Anthony, Bill Thomas, Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Margo Williams, Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson

### Family & Friends:

Annie Urness, Carol Koja, Janice Reeves, Angie Harvey, Phil & Gloria Renaker, Jacob Carpenter, Evie Long, Steve Hall, Paul & Grace Long, Erin Gilland, Mark Malloy, Nick Lopez, Helen Wallace, Joanna Garrett

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"If You're Happy and You Know It" Author: Stuart Ross CCLI Song # 4551258 Catalog Learn2soar Limited

"Lamb of God" CCLI # 16787 Author: Twila Paris Copyright: 1985 Mountain Spring Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Straightway Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LBW 564 Text: Thomas Ken 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-1561

"Crowns" CCLI Song #7068421 Benjamin Hastings, Michael Fatkin, Scott Groom Catalog Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LBW 482 Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: adapt. Edward Miller, 1931-1807

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