



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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(YEAR A)

MARCH 15, 2026 • 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 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

"COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN" Green Hymnal #301

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,

Here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
Those who drink shall thirst no more.

Those who drink shall live forever;
'tis a soul-renewing flood.

God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

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 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. Amen.

C: Amen

Please be seated

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 42:14-21

L: The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 42nd chapter. *"See Insert"*

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

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 142 ESV

L: We will read Psalm 142 responsively. *"See Insert"*

SECOND READING ~ EPHESIANS 5:8-14

L: The second reading is from the book of Ephesians, 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 9:1-41

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE ~ PASTOR JEFFERY CARPENTER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "BE THOU MY VISION" BLUE HYMNAL #776

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me Save that thou art: thou my best thought... by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.	Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou, and thou only, First in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.	Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Your touch can heal the broken places of life, touch our brokenness today...

Your peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today...

Your call to repentance promises mercy and grace, place Your mercy and grace in our souls today...

If it gives You glory, gather the scattered, calm what is hurried, rest what is exhausted, fill what is empty, find the lost and raise up what is fallen.

LORD in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, we pray for marginal believers who are living lives partially committed to You. Father, wake them up. In Your great love, both convict and comfort them. We pray for those whose hope rests in the ability of their eyes, ears, mind and strength rather than in Jesus. Grant them and us all a new and abiding vision of what You have done, what You are doing, and what You are going to do to save and heal Your people. *LORD, in Your mercy.*

C: Hear our prayer.

A: You, Lord, who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, You who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour out Your Spirit of power upon

- * the millions of people who are starving today,
- * upon those who are dying from contaminated water or thirst,
- * upon those who are ravaged by conflict and war,
- * upon those who are without work or under employed,
- * upon those who are separated from loved ones,
- * upon those who mourn the death of loved ones,
- * upon, those who are ill, especially those we name softly before You now: *pause ...*

From Your great store of mercy, pour Your Spirit upon the faithful that faith and hope may preserve and prevail. *LORD, in Your mercy.*

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We give You thanks:

Thanks for the loved ones You have brought into our lives.

Thanks for the beautiful relationships and memories that can fill our minds years after they have passed.

Thanks that Your desire to gather and forgive that is greater than our desire to run away and disobey.

For Your love that is bigger than anything we can do, say, think, or feel.

We thank and praise You Lord. *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

"THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY" GREEN HYMNAL #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.

"HERE IS BREAD, HERE IS WINE" GREEN HYMNAL #482

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, drink the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread, there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here.

Refrain

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY" GREEN HYMNAL #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,
Joy that through all time abide.

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

"O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" GREEN HYMNAL #117 VERSES 1-3

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,
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DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

A: Go, live as disciples of Christ Jesus.

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

Our Worship Servants This Morning

Greeter: Bothner Family
 Acolyte: Max and Fayth Bothner
 Ushers: Ken Pontious and Jason Bothner
 Assistant & Cantor: Blaine Davis
 Reader: Alan Cumming
 Communion Assistants: Blaine Davis, Terry Ball, Sarah Cumming
 AV Booth: Colten Watkins and Charles Cumming

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES MARCH 16-22

Sun.	Sunday School	9:00 AM		
Mon.	Men's Group	8:00 PM	Choir	9:00 AM
Tues.	Quilters	9:00 AM	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Videtto Zoom	4:00 PM	Buntz group	11:30 AM
Wed.	Capo group	11:00 AM	Confirmation	4:00 PM
	Soup Supper	5:30 PM	Congregational Care	11:30 AM
	Holden Even. Prayer	6:30 PM		
	Pastor group	6:30 PM		
Thurs.	Bible Study	10:00 AM		
	Prime Timers	11:30 AM		
	Chambers group	4:00 PM		
	Watkins group	6:00 PM		
	CoDA	6:00 PM		
Fri.	Classical Conversations	9-3		
Sat.	Altar Guild			
	Kern group	9:00 AM		
	Embroiderers	9-3		
	Landscaping Work Day			

Attendance

Sunday, March 8th:	103
2026 Average	109

Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings	\$ 9,173
Month of March	\$ 37,363
Monthly Goal	\$29,677
2026 Total Offerings to Date	\$ 102,233

PRAYER LIST

Our Members:

Vivian Altabrandt, Stephen Gibbs, 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

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LBW 301 Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Author: Jeffrey Rickard, Unknown CCLI Song #2151540 **Catalog** Public Domain / Selah Publishing Company, Inc.

"Be Thou My Vision" WOV 776 Text: Irish 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt. Music: Irish Tune

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" LBW 290 Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863 Tune: early American

"Here is Bread Here is Wine" CCLI # 981717 Writer: Graham Kendrick © 1991 Make Way Music

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LBW 104 Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872 Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867 public domain

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LBW 117 Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Composite, alt. Tune: Hans L. Hassler, 1564-1612 public domain

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