



# 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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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

(YEAR A)

MARCH 22, 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

“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,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to thee.

### 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, Your Son came into this world bringing salvation and life to all who believe. Send Him to find us in the lost and wounded places of our lives. Overcome us with Your Holy Spirit so that Your life may fill our minds, hearts, souls and lives this day. With Your Son and Spirit empower us to follow and serve You in newness 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 ~ EZEKIEL 37:1-14

L: The first reading is from the book of Ezekiel, the 37th chapter. *"See Insert"*

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

### PSALMODY ~ PSALM 130 ESV

L: We will read Psalm 130 responsively. *"See Insert"*

### SECOND READING ~ ROMANS 8:1-11

L: The second reading is from the book of Romans, the 8th 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 11:1-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th 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 ~ "GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray	Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Keep me burning 'til the break of day	Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
And I will...	

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE ~ PASTOR JEFFERY CARPENTER

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY "DRAW ME CLOSE"**

Draw me close to you, never let me go	<i>Refrain</i>
I lay it all down again to hear you say	You're all I want
that I'm your friend	You're all I've ever needed
You are my desire, no one else will do	You're all I want
'Cause nothing else can take your place	Help me know you are near
To feel the warmth of your embrace	
Help me find the way,	<i>Repeat verse and refrain</i>
bring me back to you	

**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

“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,  
Joys that through all time abide.

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

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.

*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 "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
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross	I will ever be true,
'Till my trophies t last I lay down;	Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,	Then He'll call me some day
And exchange it some day for a crown.	To my home far away,
	Where His 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:	Gloria Bielfeldt and Sylvia Miller
Acolyte:	Charlie and Caedmon Cumming
Ushers:	Max Lewis and Preston Graham
Assistant & Cantor:	Colten Watkins
Reader:	Amy Norris
Communion Assistants:	Colten Watkins, Susan Buntz, Becky Chambers
AV Booth:	Alan Cumming and Linda Webster

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES MARCH 23-29

	<b>Sun.</b>	Sunday School	9:00 AM
<b>Mon.</b>	Men's Group	8:00 PM	Choir
			9:00 AM
<b>Tues.</b>	Quilters	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	Videtto Zoom	4:00 PM	10:00 AM
			5th Sunday Potluck
<b>Wed.</b>	Capo group	11:00 AM	Buntz group
	Soup Supper	5:30 PM	11:30 AM
	Holden Even. Prayer	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	Pastor group	6:30 PM	4:00 PM
			Congregational Care
			11:30 AM
<b>Thurs.</b>	Chambers group	4:00 PM	
	Watkins group	6:00 PM	
	CoDA	6:00 PM	
<b>Fri.</b>	Classical Conversations 9-3		
<b>Sat.</b>	Altar Guild		
	Kern group	9:00 AM	
	Communion Class	9-12:30	
	Landscaping Work Day		

### Stewardship

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

### Attendance

Sunday, March 15th:	116
2026 Average	110

## PRAYER LIST

### Our Members:

Joe Coke, Vivian Altabrandt, Stephen Gibbs, Susan Walker, Ed Lucas, Jana Snyder, Earl Wruck, Limuel Norris, Glory Gopinath, Tom Criswell, Jim & Janet Anthony, Bill Thomas, John and 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:

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

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