



**1st Sunday in Lent**

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**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known  
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Juan Fernandez, Custodian

**Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here!** We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

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**+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Asa and Fox Zinniel

**Coffee Fellowship:** Pie-Luck Sunday

**Communion Assistant:** Deb Wollin

**Prayer Reader:** Kim Grapes

**Organist:** Thomas Haag

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*Kingsfold*

George Mims

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us  
and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, God,

**all hearts are open,**

**to you all desires known.**

**We come to you,**

**confessing our sins.**

**Forgive us in your mercy,**

**and remember us in your love.**

**Show us your ways;**

**teach us your paths;**

**and lead us in justice and truth,**

**for the sake of your goodness**

**in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit  
 God gives you a new birth,  
 and through the death  
 and resurrection of † Jesus Christ,  
 God forgives you all your sins.  
 The God of mercy and might  
 strengthen you in all goodness  
 and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**ELW #611**



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

## GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Dr. Eddie Kim

### Kyrie



For when we have not loved you with our whole heart, Lord have mer - cy on  
us. For when we did not feed you, clothe you, or in-vite you in, Christ have mer -  
cy on us. For when we did not seek your word, or withheld our thanks and  
praise, Lord have mer - cy on us. For when we have not loved our  
neigh-bors as our-selves, Christ have mer - cy on us.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to  
the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk  
safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 4 : 1—13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW #319**

### O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Response to each petition is The Lord Is My Song, ELW # 751.)*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the wellspring of life.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the wellspring of life.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

**The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the wellspring of life.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,  
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy communion  
you have welcomed us into your presence,  
nourishing us with words of mercy.  
Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
and honor the earth you have made;  
through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

The holy Three,  
the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and + grant you peace.

**Amen.**

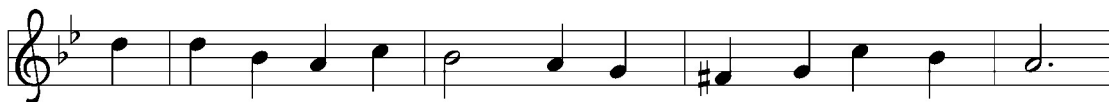
## Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Consolation*

Richard Hudson

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Join us after worship today for two great activities! In the Sanctuary, **Moo-Moo's Prayer Club** will meet to explore fun ways to praise and serve God, (all ages and stages welcome) or head to the Fellowship Hall for our **Pie-Luck** and chase away cabin fever!

## **ANNOUNCING OUR SAVIOR'S MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE**

### ***Supporting The Hunger Task Force & St. Clare's Health Mission***

Each month, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by contributing to The Hunger Task Force and, unique to this month St. Clare's Health Mission. For St. Clare's we are collecting **medical tape** and **band aids** and for The Hunger Task Force **canned fruits in juice!** Your generous donations will help us continue to provide for those in need, offering both nourishment and essential health items.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- **Bring medical tape, band aids** and **canned fruits in juice** to church during the month of **March 2025**.
- Drop your donations in the church office or shopping cart in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving others in love. Let's continue to make a difference together!

## **LENT 2025: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let's refresh our knowledge of Luther's Small Catechism!

Specifically, what Luther had to say about the Lord's Prayer.

### **MIDWEEK LENT 1—Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

*"...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."*

We'll look at the second and third petitions of Luther's explanation.

## **FIRST ORGAN RECITAL OF THE 2025 LENTEN ORGAN SERIES**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3pm—Sanctuary**

We are very pleased to announce that one of our very own organists, Thomas Haag, will be offering an organ recital here at Our Savior's. Thomas' recital kicks off the 2025 Lenten Organ Series sponsored by the Riverland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The concert will be free (a free will offering will be taken to benefit the educational projects of the Riverland Chapter of the AGO) and open to all. Join us!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 9, 2025

#### Daylight Saving Time starts

9:30am	Worship/HC
10:15am	Prayer Club
10:15am	PieLuck Sunday
3pm	Organ Recital
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### Monday

9am—1pm	Office Open
10am—12 noon	Gas Vouchers
6pm	Priscilla Circle

### Tuesday

9am—1pm	Office Open
9am	Quilters
1—5pm	WCC
4pm	CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm	CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm	CFS Carry Outs

### Wednesday

9am—1pm	Office Open
9am	Staff mtg.
12 noon	Worship
6:30pm	Worship

### Thursday

9am—1pm	Office Open
11am	Janice Tronick Funeral

### Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

### Saturday

9am—1pm	WCC open
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### Sunday, March 16, 2025

#### Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

9:30am	Worship/HC
10:15am	Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Gilles, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Lucy** Radatz, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica** & **Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Barbara** Mighall, **Linda** Nelson, **Robert** Onsrud, **Vickie** Hengel, and **Janice** Tronick

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

**Gabriel** W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Cheryl</b> Amsrud	March 9
<b>Lisa</b> Rudrud	March 10
<b>Robert</b> Suter	March 10
<b>Rudy</b> Nedvidek	March 11
<b>Max</b> VanZee	March 11
<b>Chuck</b> Manske	March 14
<b>Doni</b> Moyer	March 16