



2nd Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 9, 2025
9:30am CDT**

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."***

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

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Isaac Stutesman and Fox Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: Cookies and Coffee

Communion Assistant: Deb Wollin

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Kim Grapes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Keith Green

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

ELW #188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'. The third staff continues: 'pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -'. The fourth staff continues: 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'. The fifth staff concludes with: 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant,
in the mystery of the cross
you promise everlasting life to the world.
Gather all peoples into your arms,
and shelter us with your mercy,
that we may rejoice in the life
we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 13 : 31—35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to

gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten-der care.
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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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.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers.

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.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders whose stories have been told to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone.

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.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to 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.

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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.

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, 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.**

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

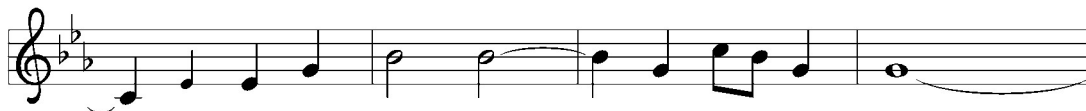
The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ✠ grant you peace.

Amen.

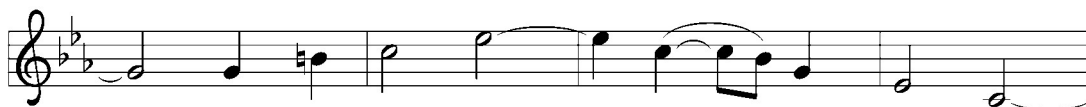
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

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EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline for ordering—Sunday, March 30

Now is the time to place your order for Easter lilies (\$17), mums (\$18), and/or hydrangeas (\$25). Simply fill out the enclosed Easter flower insert completely and return it to the church office with payment or sign up on the bulletin board next to Pastor Joanne's office at church. Questions please contact Jessica in the church office at oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net or 608.782.3468.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

The Youth & Family Ministry Team will be hosting their annual breakfast with egg bakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth and family events throughout the year. Come celebrate and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting our youth!

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED to help make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board next to the church office. There will be a labeled "Youth Breakfast" box in the refrigerator and on the counter in the kitchen for donated supplies. Please have all donations to the church by Wednesday, April 9. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

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 2—Wednesday, March 19, 2025

"Give us today our daily bread..."

We'll look at the 4th petition of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 3—Wednesday, March 26, 2025

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

We'll look at the 5th petition of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 4—Wednesday, April 2, 2025

"Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil."

We'll look at the 6th and 7th petitions of Luther's explanation.

MIDWEEK LENT 5—Wednesday, April 9, 2025

"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen."

We'll look at Luther's explanation to what he calls the "conclusion" of the prayer.

HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY—Sunday, April 13, 2025

Processional Gospel Matthew 21: 1-9 and Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11

We hear the story of Jesus's grand entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we consider Paul's words to the Philippians *"he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross"*

MAUNDY THURSDAY—Thursday, April 17, 2025

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Lord's Supper"

GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 2025

We read the Passion according to the Gospel of John.

EASTER SUNDAY—Sunday, April 20, 2025

Luke 24: 1-12 The resurrection of Jesus!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
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
12 noon Worship
5pm Church Council
1pm Art & Faith
6:30pm Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
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** 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, **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, **Janice** Tronick,, **Jean** Gilles, and **Lucy** Radatz

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doni Moyer	March 16
Emma Kadera	March 17
Bethany Matsick	March 18
Linda Rudrud	March 20
Mary Rathgaber	March 22
DeLoris Malmberg	March 23
Dottie Pierce	March 23