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Feb 22, 2015
1st Sunday
In Lent

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Vision Statement: Our Savior Lutheran Church will be a Spirit-empowered family of faith, focused on Jesus Christ, whose members and mission reflect the diversity of our neighborhood and holistically address the needs of our neighbors with the love of God.

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Welcome to Our Savior Lutheran Church. If you are worshiping here for the first time today, we extend a very special welcome to Our Savior. We are happy and grateful that you have come to worship God and celebrate His love! If you live in the area and have no formal church connections, we invite you to ask about making Our Savior your church home. May the Lord bless your worship this morning.

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS - We respectfully ask that ALL worshipers take a moment to fill in an Attendance/Communion Registration Card located in the pew racks, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You are also invited to use the card to let us know how we may serve you.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND – We love to have all children participate in our Worship Services. But if parents feel stressed trying to manage their young children, we provide a **staffed** Nursery for children under the age of 4, at all services. Nursery care is provided in the room to the right in the Fellowship Hall. The room located directly behind the Sanctuary, as well as the main Lobby may be used as “Cry Rooms” where our services can be heard. The **rest rooms** are located off the Fellowship Hall to the left, as well as in the hallway, and to the right as you enter the Open Arms Christian Child Development Center. If you need assistance, the greeters and ushers will be happy to help.

Next Week’s Readings: Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:23-32; Rom 4:13-25, Mark 8:27-38

SEE GRAPEVINE FOR PRAYER REQUESTS

AS WE GATHER: Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment and faithfulness to his people and all of creation. The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tried by Satan. Our baptism sustains us to restore our relationships through faithfulness to God and to others.

THE PRELUDE: *There Is A Balm in Gilead*

spiritual, setting by Adolphus Hailstork

THE WELCOME

(At the invitation of the Pastor, those who are able, please stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Please remain standing)

THE OPENING SENTENCES AND INVOCATION

Vicar: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Vicar: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

People: for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Vicar: Remember, O Lord your compassion and love,

People: for they are from everlasting.

THE ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Vicar: The Lord says: When you call to Me, I will answer you; I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you.

People: With long life the Lord will satisfy me and show me His salvation.

Vicar: Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to lay claim again to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Vicar: Let us confess our sins.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN: #499 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.	2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.
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3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790; Tune: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part 11, 1813 Public Domain

THE GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Vicar: Let us pray...

(Silence is kept for prayer.)

Vicar: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

God promises to never again destroy the earth with a flood.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Asst: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: James 1:12-18

James describes the process Satan uses to tempt us and separate us from God and his will for us.

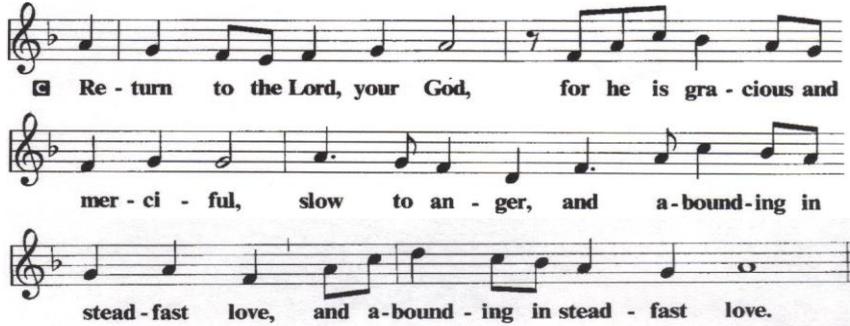
¹²Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³No one, when tempted, should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved. ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Those who are able will please stand and face the Processional Cross)

THE VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

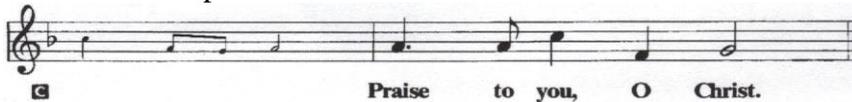


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

Vicar: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

(Following the Children’s Sermon at the 11:00 service **children ages 4-8** may go, if parents so choose, to “Wee Worship”. Wee Worship is located in the end classroom down the Child Development Center hallway, room #6. Make a right when you see the library. Parents may take children 3 and under to the nursery.)

THE HYMN: #99 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

Caithness

1. O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

2. You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's eternal word.

3. Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.

4. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

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THE SERMON: "*Restoring Relationships through Faithfulness*" - based on Mark 1:9-15

(Those who are able will please stand)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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 whole Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Please be seated)

THE INSTALLATION OF VICAR DERRICK MILINER

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING: (8:15) *Psalm 148*

Mark Patterson

Youth Choir

Praise ye the Lord, o praise Him from the heavens. Praise ye the Lord, o praise Him in the heights above. Praise ye the Lord, o praise Him, praise Him sun and moon, stars of light, let them praise the name of the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord commanded, and the heavens were created. He set them in place forever and ever. His word endures for all time. Praise ye the Lord, o praise Him; praise Him all creatures, all nations, all heaven and earth bring forth your song. Praise ye the Lord!

THE OFFERING: (11:00) *Steal Away*

spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Sanctuary Choir; soloists: Nichole Krueger, Margo Rice, Carlos Petersen

Steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the lightning. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away.

(Those who are able will please stand)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

People: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

AGNES DEI

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.

(Please be seated)

THE LORD'S TABLE Lutherans believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Body of Jesus Christ is received with the Bread and the Blood of Jesus Christ is received with the Wine, for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith. Baptized Christians who confess their sins to God, desire to live a new life in Jesus Christ, and affirm this statement of faith, may celebrate this Sacrament. All may come forward to receive a blessing

Communicants will be led to the altar via the center aisle and may return via the side aisles. Wine may be received either from one of the common cups or by Intinction (touching the wafer lightly to wine in a separate chalice held by the communion assistant). **Gluten-free** wafers are available for those who are sensitive to wheat and gluten. **Non-alcoholic grape juice** is available for those sensitive to alcohol. Let the pastor/vicar know if you need these when you come forward to receive communion.

THE HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

#771 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. - **Refrain**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy, and love - **Refrain**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! - **Refrain**

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#709 *Eat This Bread*

Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to me and never be hungry;
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. Robert Batastini, b. 1942, and the Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. OneLicense.net #A7013156

(Those who are able will please stand)

THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

Assistant: Let us pray... Great God of mercy, when we could not stand up in the face of temptation, You promised us Your own Son as our Savior and Redeemer. Though He resisted every temptation, He did not shy away from suffering for us the death that has given us life. Restore us when we fall and make us strong in Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: #562 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light:
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE: *Oh God, Thou Faithful God*

J.S. Spock

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JOIN US – For a time of fellowship in the Way after the service. Join us for Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:15 and 9:30 services.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: In two weeks! March 8th is Daylight savings time where we **SPRING FORWARD**. Yes, that means we **LOSE** an hour of sleep.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE – Last week (Feb 15) we worshipped the Lord with a congregation of 229. Ash Wednesday service: 121. The mission and ministry of Our Savior is completely dependent upon God’s provision through your generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. Offerings received were \$7,459 to the General Fund, \$475 to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund and \$101.²⁵ for other.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vicar Derrick Miliner as he is installed in his vicarage today!

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY **4th Sunday Rotation**

8:15 Worship/Com Asst: John Kuntz, Nancy Olsen, Blessing Ndimantang, Charles Ikemenogo

8:15 Acolyte: Ethan Addo

8:15 Altar Care: Eva Howard, Anita Davis-Libengood

8:15 Elder: Laima Kuring

8:15 Reader: Michelle, DeMik and Youth

8:15 Usher: Dan Bresson, John Kinloch, Larry Malinowski

11:00 Worship/Com Asst: Deb Kopitskie, Eleanor Donahue, Joe Murchison, Stephen Bodden

11:00 Acolyte: Steven Steinbach

11:00 Altar Care: Pam Mann, Brenda & Donna Sheaffer

11:00 Elder: Roger Engstrom

11:00 Reader: Ted Petito

11:00 Ushers: Paul Comolli, Bob Keller, Ed Kopitskie

