

Our Savior Lutheran Church



Service of the Word and Sacrament

01 March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING *Welcome and Announcements*

CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made Heaven and Earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
***The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.***

HYMN

"Power in the Blood"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and everlasting God, You call us into covenant with You, and promise to be our God. Yet we confess that we do not always trust Your promises. Like Abraham, we want assurance - but unlike him, we resist obedience. You call us to walk before You in faithfulness, yet we wander toward what is comfortable and safe. We cling to our own plans instead of trusting Your future. We rely on our strength instead of resting in Your grace. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew Your covenant within our hearts. Give us faith to follow where You lead, through Jesus Christ, who was faithful even to the cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the ***Good News!*** The God Who makes covenant with His people is faithful even when we are not. The promises of God are fulfilled In Jesus Christ. Through His Cross and Resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are welcomed again into God's gracious covenant. Believe this one and only True Gospel: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***AMEN***

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end! Amen. Amen

Holy Scripture

RESPONSIVE READING - Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.

But to one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, such Faith is reckoned as righteousness.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the Law but through the righteousness of Faith.

If it is the adherents of the Law who are to be the heirs, Faith is null and the promise is void.

The Law brings wrath, but where there is no Law, neither is there transgression.

This [is the] reason the promise depends on Faith, in order that it may rest on Grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants,

Not only to the adherents of the Law but also to those who share the Faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written,

"I have made you the father of many nations"),
in the presence of the God in whom he believed,

[The God] Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

READING FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL - John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, We speak of what We know and testify to what We have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into Heaven except the one who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man and just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 5:1-12

One day as He saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around Him, and He began to teach them...

*God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

*God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole Earth.*

*God blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.*

*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.*

*God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.*

*God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

*God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you
and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you
because you are my followers.*

*Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in
heaven; and remember, the ancient Prophets were persecuted in the
same way.*

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Righteousness Vs. Right"

Pastor Larry

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. In ourselves we are not righteous; we cannot justify our own hearts nor earn favor before God. We believe that God, in His mercy, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, to fulfill all righteousness in our place. We confess that by His perfect obedience, His atoning death upon the Cross, and His glorious Resurrection, Christ accomplished our Salvation. We believe that we are justified by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone. God forgives our sins and counts us righteous in His sight not because of works we have done, but because of the righteousness of Christ credited to us. We believe that this Faith is itself God's gift, worked in us by the Holy Spirit through the Word and the Sacraments. Freed from condemnation, we now live by this Faith, bearing the fruits of repentance and love, not to earn Salvation - which is impossible - but in grateful obedience. Our righteousness is in and through Jesus Christ alone. To Him be the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Him thanks and praise...
Let us raise to Him in great joy and love singing:

Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!
Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!
Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!
Let us praise Him! Let us praise Him!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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. AMEN.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION, PRAYER

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #001

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

REMINDER:

For "Jesus Loves You Ministry":

All of March we will be collecting **DEODORANT** [and] **anything** CAMO

Serving Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesday, 31 March

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays

Sundays [approx. 11.15am]

Saturday, 07 March

Sunday, 08 March

Sunday, 29 March

Tuesday, 31 March

Thursday, 02 April

Saturday, 04 April

Sunday, 05 April

Office Hours, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Bible Study - **After Service**

Ladies Lunch, @ *Healthy Pho*, 1.00pm

Turn Clocks Back

Council Meeting after service

Palm Sunday, *PotLuck following Service*

Soup & Sandwich for "Jesus Loves Me"

Also need, chips, snack, drinks for 35

{may be brought in any Sunday}

Maundy Thursday Service, 7.30pm

Ladies Lunch [TBD], 1.00pm

RESURRECTION DAY!!!

Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...

941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell

CHURCH COUNCIL

[meets every 2nd Sunday]

President

Dot Smith

Vice President

Jeanne Keyser

Treasurer

Dean Carson

Secretary

Andrea Yerger

Council Members

Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burrese

Ellie Selk; Pat Spence;

Fran Thibideau

SERVING TODAY

Reader

Dean Carson

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