



THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EL JOBEAN

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER: Congregation in BOLD

Pastor: Pastor: As we celebrate our Lenten Season, we approach your altar with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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

ABSOLUTION:

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: R239 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Unison):

Our Dearest Holy Spirit, lead us, guide us, and fulfill us as we learn your ways and paths for us. We but children in your loving arms and help us to learn how to listen to your words. Alleluia and Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning,

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saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)*

25 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2 O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

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6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:12-18 (ESV)

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent. Please stand for the Gospel Reading.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

(Spoken During Lent)

Glory to you Oh Lord.

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

This is the Gospel of our Lord

(Spoken During Lent)

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON: "40 Days of Trial, Temptation, and Redemption!" Pr Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: R476 TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

New Member Litany

Pastor:

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

I ask the congregation to stand and join in confessing our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

Pastor:

Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we now welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread his Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

Men:

We welcome you as children of God, growing closer to God and each other through worship and learning, laughing and playing.

Church Council:

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We welcome you as fellow workers in God's kingdom, inviting you to grow with us in our faith, reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Women:

We welcome you as active participants in the arts: singing, ringing, playing, painting, quilting and baking as your talents and interests lead you.

Congregation:

We welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in his name.

New Members:

We welcome and accept your invitation and commit ourselves to using our time and talents for the good of the congregation. We will strive to live lives worthy of the title "Christian" and will work with you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members of Our Savior Lutheran Church of El Jobean. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

All: Amen

THE OFFERTORY: R613 Glory Be To God on High – Pr. Steve

THE OFFERING: *As we bring the offering to the altar we will sing the Doxology.*

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, *Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER; WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE;
THE DISTRIBUTION; THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN: R409 HES GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

POTLUCK BLESSING: R544 BE PRESENT AT OUR TABLE LORD

AARONIC BLESSING; CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING HYMN, THE DISMISSAL:

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

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The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper at 6 pm on March 28th We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship included in the Seder. More information to follow as we get closer to Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a special service commemorating the 7 Last words of Christ on the Cross at 6 pm on March. There will be no sermon during this service, but individual members of our congregation will give a 5 minute talk about what these words mean to them and what feelings and memories these words lead their hearts as they speak for us.

TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: On Good Friday the church will be open starting at 1 pm for prayer and a message at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve at any time during the 3 hours for prayer and a short message and discussion for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross. We kept this vigil 5 years ago, and we will keep it again this year.

EASTER SUNDAY: Help us celebrate Jesus' defeat of sin, death, and the power of the Devil, on Sunday March 31st at 10 AM!

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTERIES: April is sandwich month! We are asking every family to donate one package of water bottles for our sandwich ministry.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will resume on the Wednesday after Easter at 10 am on Wednesday, April 3rd, with continuing our study of the Gospel of John. If we want to really better know and understand our Lord and Savior, studying this Gospel is important for us. Join us at 10 am for our study.

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!: Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

IN OUR PRAYERS: We have a tradition at Our Savior to ask for the prayers at the start of the service, before we begin our worship to our Lord and Savior. We will then pray these prayers when we get to the Great Thanksgiving in the service. Feel free to ask for prayers for those who are in need of this grace.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Pr. Steve

Usher: Jeff Cisco

Communion: Fran Thibideau, Dottie Smith, Pr. Don Francis

Greeter: Cheri Usowicz

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert

Bible Study 1: Sunday 11 A.M. Sunday

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Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC