# Our Savior Lutheran Church

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 02 March 2025

# The Victorious Empty Tomb

#### THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests {<u>ALL</u> congregational responses in worship are in Bold/Italics}

# **RITE OF FRIENDSHIP**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.... And also with you...

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all glory, on this first day of the week You began Creation, bringing Light out of darkness; on this first day You began Your new Creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of Death; on this Lord's Day, grant that we, the people You create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all Your works in praising You for Your great glory; through Jesus Christ, Who is in Triunity with the Father and the Holy Spirit; we praise You now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.

#### HYMN

"Power in the Blood"

#258

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us pray...Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. ...Amen

#### **ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun; in Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Alleluia and Amen.

# Holy Scripture

# OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 26.1-9

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; He sets up victory like walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace - in peace because they trust in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in the LORD God you have an everlasting rock; for He has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city He lays low; He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy. The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, You make smooth the path of the righteous in the path of Your judgments. O Lord, we wait for You; Your Name and Your renown are the soul's desire. My soul yearns for You in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks You, for when Your judgments are in the Earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

# **RESPONSIVE PSALM** - Psalm 20

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May He send you help from the Sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.
May He remember all your offerings,
And regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.
May He grant your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.
May we shout for joy over Your victory,
And in the Name of God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. Now I know the LORD will help His anointed;
He will answer {His Anointed} from His holy Heaven with mighty victories by His right hand.
Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, Our pride is in the Name of the LORD our God.
They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.
LORD, Give victory to the King; answer when we call.

# **EPISTLE LESSON** - 1 Corinthians 15.50-58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable and we will be changed; for this perishable body must put on imperishability and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ; therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.

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

SERMON

"Victorious Faith"

Pastor Larry

#057

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** - The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made...Who, for our salvation, came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made Man; [He] was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried; the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father; He shall come again with Glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. I believe in one Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

#### THE OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

**DOXOLOGY and OFFERTORY 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...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way and one day we will join with them in the eternal chorus, lifting our voices, singing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee! Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity! Amen

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and forever. Amen. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

# **DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION BLESSING**

HYMN

"Standing on the Promises" #430 {vss. 1,2,5}

# THE AARONIC BLESSING

# LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth, peace that was meant to be; With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!

# THE DISMISSAL

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

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please write down any prayer requests and give them to Pastor Larry.

#### SERVING TODAY

Reader Offering Communion

Bob Burchard Fran Thibideau Dot Smith

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Sunday Worship 10:00am Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10.00am Ash Wednesday Service - 05 March 2025 5.30pm followed by Soup & Sandwich meal Please place your cell phones on mute during worship...thank you.