

# Our Savior Lutheran Church



## Service of the Word and Sacrament

22 February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING  
*Welcome and Announcements*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.

***When we call upon Him, He answers us; He is with us in trouble.***

Christ Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,  
to be tempted for our sake.

***Yet He trusted in the Word of the Lord and did not turn aside.***

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

***Let us worship the Lord our God and serve Him only.***

Let us worship God - - -

***Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who delivers us from evil  
and leads us in the way everlasting. Amen.***

HYMN

*"Come, Thou Font "*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Let us pray...Merciful God, You formed us from the dust of the Earth and breathed into us the breath of life. Yet we confess that we have returned to the dust of sin. Like Adam, we have listened to voices that are not Yours. Like Israel in the wilderness, we have doubted Your provision. Like our Lord in the desert, we face temptation - yet unlike Him, we too often fall. We confess our hunger for what does not satisfy, our grasping for power and control, our testing of Your patience and mercy. We have trusted in bread alone, bowed to lesser gods, and demanded signs instead of walking by faith. Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may resist the devil, cling to Your Word, and walk in the way of the Cross. Through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the **Good News!** When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and forgives us and cleanses us from unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ, our faithful High Priest, there is no condemnation. As His servant of the Word, and by His authority, I declare to you that through Him, 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 -Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silent, my body wasted away my groaning all day long.

**For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah**

Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah**

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to You;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;  
You surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.  
**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,  
all you upright in heart.**

## READING FROM THE EPISTLES - Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - for sin was indeed in the world before the Law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no Law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come; but the free gift is not like the trespass - for if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the One Man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many and the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One Man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so One Man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all; for just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the One Man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## **GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him and He began to speak and taught them, saying:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter  
all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for in the same way  
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

This is the Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON**

*"Meek - NOT Necessarily Mild"*

*Pastor Larry*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of All...acts faithfully  
toward the world, delivering, sustaining, and calling a people to live in  
covenant love. We believe the Lord requires of us not empty offerings or***

***outward religion, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly  
with Him, Whom we came to know through Jesus of Nazareth, His only  
begotten Son, constantly guided by their Holy Spirt. We confess that our  
life together is grounded in God's steadfast mercy. We believe that the  
message of the Cross is the Power of God for those who are being saved.  
Though it appears foolish to the world, in Jesus Christ crucified, God  
reveals True Wisdom, True Strength, and True Salvation. We believe that  
God chooses what is weak to shame the strong, what is despised to bring  
life and hope to the world; therefore, none may boast except in the Lord.  
We believe Jesus has become for us our Righteousness, our Sanctification,  
and our Redemption. Therefore, our life, our faith, and our witness rest  
not in human achievement, but in God's grace alone. Trusting in this  
grace, we seek to live as God's people: walking humbly, loving mercy,  
doing justice, and boasting only in the Cross of Christ. 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:

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**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**

*"Higher Ground"*

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**BENEDICTION & SENDING**

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**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!*

**Weekly Activities**

Wednesdays  
Sundays, After Service  
Saturday, 07 March  
Sunday, 08 March  
Tuesday, 31 March

Office Hours, 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Bible Study  
Ladies Lunch {TBD}  
Council Meeting  
Soup & Sandwich for "Jesus Loves Me"

*Pastor Larry is ALWAYS available by appointment...  
941-763-9975 Pastor Larry Cell*

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
*[meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday]*

<b>President</b>	Dot Smith
<b>Vice President</b>	Jeanne Keyser
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dean Carson
<b>Secretary</b>	Andrea Yerger
<b>Council Members</b>	Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress Ellie Selk; Pat Spence; Fran Thibideau

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Reader</b>	Dean Carson
<b>Offering</b>	Bob Burchard
<b>Communion</b>	Fran Thibideau, Dot Smith
<b>Greeter for February</b>	Fran Thibideau

**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*