



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, March 31st, 2019 Annunciation and New Member Sunday

Today we welcome, Jim and Mary Campbell, Cheryl Usowicz, Fran Thibideau, Shirey Lowing, Joyce Cream, and Peggie Sue Dygert to our church family!

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER – Congregational response in BOLD

Pastor: As we celebrate our Easter Season, we approach your altar with 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 are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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: Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, Dr. Martin Luther 1543

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise triumphantly.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife,
and lead us out of death to life.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Dearest Lord, today we celebrate the announcement of the Word made Flesh in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. We pray you would help us to remain faithful in the calling of this worthy cause. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz:

“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.”

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

PSALM – Psalm 45:7-17 (ESV) (*Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD*)

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,

and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.

With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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: Hebrews 10:4-10 (ESV)

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

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

Glory to you Oh Lord.

Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God."

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON *"The Word Made Flesh"* **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

SERMON HYMN: 72 O Come, O Come Emanuel, vs 4, 6, 7

New Member Litany

Pastor:

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is Our Saviour Lutheran Church of El JoBean. 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 Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

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

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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 catholic 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 you are called 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 our 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:

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 Saviour's Lutheran Church. 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: You'll Never Walk Alone – Dean Carson

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

AARONIC BLESSING; CONGRENATIONAL CLOSING HYMN, THE DISMISSAL:

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	Let there be peace on earth
	And let it begin with me.

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C . Thanks be to God

LUNCHEON BLESSING: *Sung to the melody of the Doxology*

**Be present at our table Lord:
Be here and everywhere adored:
Thy creatures bless and grant that we
may feast in Paradise with Thee. Amen**

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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 mute** 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 around 6 pm on April 18th We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder using pork instead of Lamb. 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. 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 for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross.

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, March 4th:

Reader: Priscilla Alonzo

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson

Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Burchard

We Serve Next Sunday, March 11st:

Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert

Communion: Tony and Priscilla Alonzo, Sheryl Sinico

Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Offering: Dean Carson, Jeanne Keyser

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert

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