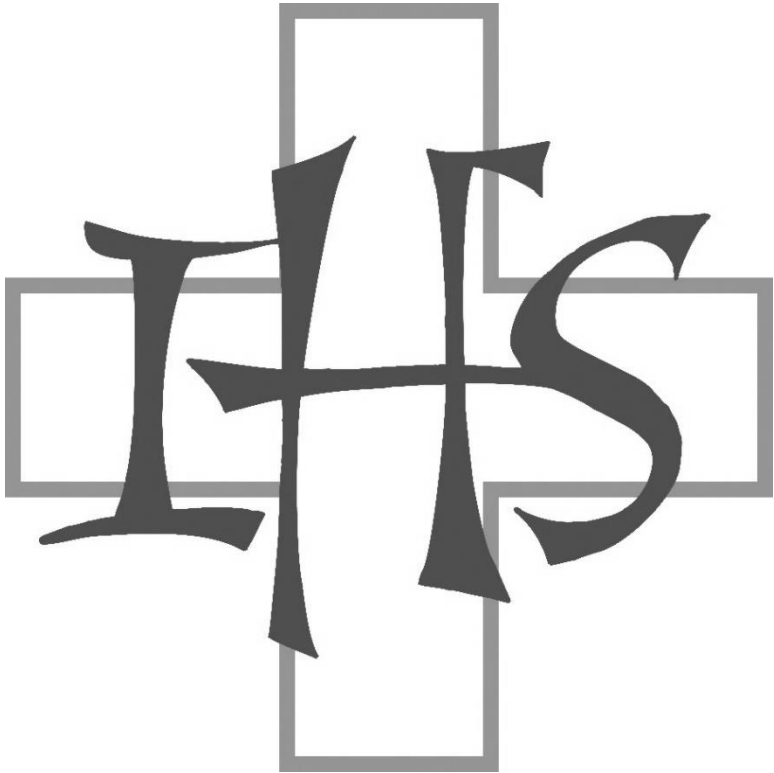


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



But [Jesus] answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" *Matthew 4:4*

Order of Worship

February 26, 2023 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 91:15–16, 9–13

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

First Sunday in Lent

Divine Service

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son *Matthew 28:19*
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. *Psalms 5:3*

P My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C And with Your glory all the day. *Psalms 71:8*

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalms 51:15*

Opening Song We Have Come To Worship The Lord *Horton*

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Tag

CHORUS

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a repeat sign and ends with a fermata. The second line begins with a '3' above the staff, indicating a triplet. The third line has a '5' above the staff. The fourth line has a '7' above the staff and includes first and second endings. The lyrics are: 'We have come to wor - ship the Lord, We have come to wor - ship the Lord, - Bow down be - fore - Him, - Love and a - dore - Him, - We have come to wor - ship the Lord. - En - ter'.

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10 VERSE

in - in - to the Ho - ly Place; En - ter in, and

13

look up - on His face; He is worth - y, He is

15

ho - ly, He is Je - sus; En - ter in.

Prayer of Confession

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession and Absolution

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Song

White As Snow

Olguin

Sing Twice Through

White as snow, white as snow, Though my
sins were as scar - let, Lord, I know, Lord, I know.
That I'm clean and for - giv - en. Through the
pow - er of Your blood, Through the won - der of Your love,
Through. faith in You I know that I am
now white as snow.

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-7

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the

woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Nicene Creed

- ☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His 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 us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And 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 together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**



Song of Praise

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held Him there un -
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

Sermon

Matthew 4:1-11



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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,

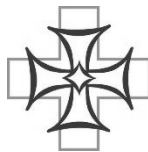
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**



Song

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

1. He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that
 2. bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine

we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
 Bro - ken and poured out all for love. The

hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross.
 whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn.

Love so a - maz - ing, love so a - maz - ing.

CHORUS

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah; Name a - bove all names;

Bless - ed Re - deem - er; Em - man - u - el.

The Res - cue for sin - ners, the Ran - som from heav -

en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

BRIDGE

2. His All our hope is in You,
 all our hope is in You; all the glo -

continued on next page

33 ry to You, God, the Light of the

36 world. Je - sus, Mes - si -

38 CODA Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

42 The Lord of all!

44 The Lord of all.

D.S. al Coda

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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

26 February 2023

Readings

Genesis 3:1–21

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–11

Jesus Righteous Obedience Leads to Justification and Life for all Men

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *"led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *"by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *"have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many"* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *"leads to justification and life for all men"* (Rom. 5:18).



Readings

Genesis 12:1–9

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

John 3:1–17

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram *“a great nation,”* to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to *“all the families of the earth”* (Gen. 12:2–3). *“Abram went, as the LORD had told him”* (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan *“he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD”* (Gen. 12:8). He *“believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”* (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He *“justifies the ungodly”* (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which *“gives life to the dead”* (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, *“that whoever believes in him may have eternal life”* (John 3:14–15).



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 2nd at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, April 9th at

6:00 am (*sunrise*)

8:00 am (*traditional*) & 10:45 am (*blended*)