



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Mission: *We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.*

Third Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

Welcome to worship! We celebrate Holy Communion at each service. Guests and visitors are always welcome and we are delighted that you are worshipping with us. The “pray-ground” near the organ is available for those families with little ones to sit and enjoy while being part of our worship. A Parent Room is also available for your use if your child just needs a space of their own!

PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & PEACE

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

APOSTLES CREED: *We recite the ancient Christian statement of belief that has been prayed over the centuries. The Creed is found on page 105.*

***SIGN OF THE CROSS:** *We remember the sign of our baptismal calling.*

***GREETING:** *...and also with you*

***GATHERING HYMN:** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory #324*

***CONFESSION/KYRIE:** *We confess and receive God's forgiveness: Kyrie Eleison...Christe Eleison...Kyrie Eleison (chanted, then repeated)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray: Holy God, your Son comes to turn over our hearts during this Lenten season. Help drive out those things that distract us so that we can service you with gratitude. **We pray together in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord: AMEN!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Glory to, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ #177*

***SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:** *John 2:13-22 The Lord is with you. **And also with you.** A reading from the Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** The Passover*

of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES & THE HOMILY:

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***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up our prayers and needs of the church and community. Our spoken response is "Lord, hear our prayer."*

OFFERING ~ *We are grateful for your presence today and we never want you to feel obligated to give. Our parishioners are responsible for supporting our ministry and mission through their gifts to God. If you would like to give a gift today, you are welcome to place it in the offering box in the center aisle. Any gifts placed into Noah's Ark through March 31st will go towards the work of the Washington County Humane Society in honor of Ms. Sherie's love for animals.*



***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray together:

O God, we offer back with love this day our lives and our offerings- gifts themselves from You. Receive us and these gifts as we strive to share Christ's goodness with the world! In the name of Jesus we pray: AMEN!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Jesus' words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *We pray the words of peace that Jesus gave us.*

***HOLY COMMUNION:** Christ invites all of God's people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

A Word about Communion here at OSLC...

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive baked bread and then dip that bread into the glass of red wine or juice. Gluten free bread is available as well. For those who prefer, communion kits are available in a basket near the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!

COMMUNION BLESSING: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: *Let us pray together:* **Holy God, we pray we become what receive in this Holy Eucharist. May the nourishment from this table send us forth with hearts turned for you. We pray together in the name of Jesus our Savior: Amen!**

***FINAL BLESSING:** By your hands may love be shared. By your voice may peace be spoken. By your eyes may beauty be seen. By your ears may truth be heard and by your life may the song of Christ + be sung! **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #803*

***SENDING PROCLAMATION:** With Jesus turning over our hearts, let's go be church after church! **Thanks be to God!**

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OSLC Lenten Almsgiving Focus:

We are inviting folks to consider supporting the work of the Washington County Humane Society. Any gifts placed in Noah's Ark from now until March 31st will go towards the WCHS in honor of Ms. Sherie's love for animals. This link will take you to their site: <https://www.wchspets.org/>



Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome.