



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.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 17, 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:** *Lift High the Cross #660*

***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: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*
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*

***SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY:** Jeremiah 31:31-33 & John 12:20-26 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.* The prophet Jeremiah reminds us: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. *And from the Gospel of John we hear:* Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 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:* **O God, you plant your law deep within us. Help us to see and know you in this holy communion. Help us be your love in this world. 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:** *Lord of All Hopefulness #765*

***SENDING PROCLAMATION:** Walking in God's love, 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.