



# 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.

## ***Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024***

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*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!*

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### **PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & PEACE**

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES:** Hailey Marie Stockinger (Daughter of Mike & Aubrey; Sponsors are Brian Stockinger & Angela Blockel)

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

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** Amazing Grace #779

**\*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: O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that when we were dead to our sins you sent your only Son for our deliverance. Help us follow in Jesus' way, light and life. **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 3:14-21 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord. Just as Moses*

lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. **For God so loved the world that in the fullness of time he sent his only Son so that those who believe would not perish but have eternal life.** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**CHOIR MEDITATION:** *Who will be a Witness*

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES & THE HOMILY:** *PJ*

**RITE OF BAPTISM:** *Hailey Marie Stockinger (Renewal of vows, pouring of water, anointing with oil on head, candle lighting)*

**\*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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 satisfy our hungry hearts in this meal. Help us believe in our unbelief so that we can share your goodness with the 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:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759*

**\*SENDING PROCLAMATION:** Grateful for our faith, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.***