

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30 a.m.) SPECIAL MUSIC: OSLC Choir **“How Great is Our God”**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, We confess that we have rejected the refuge you offer. **We try to hide behind self-sufficiency and pride, but you see us, and love us still.**

We confess that we have chosen strife over peace; we want to be right more than we want to be in right relationship. **Forgive us for the ways we have rebelled against you and harmed our neighbors in action, thought, or indifference.**

We confess that we have settled for convenient comforts, for palm-sized imitations of mercy and justice. **Your mighty hands break the bow and topple the throne, yet also gather and shelter us like a mother hen.**

We confess that you know what we need and gladly provide it. **Grant us the courage, patience, and trust to receive and share your love. Amen.**

Hear this, beloved children of God: God rejoices when you turn and return. Search, that you may find. Find, that you may be found. Loosen your grip, that you may be more tightly held, more warmly comforted, and more tenderly nourished. God forgives your sins and remembers them no more. In the name of the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, receive this divine peace. **Amen.**

HYMN:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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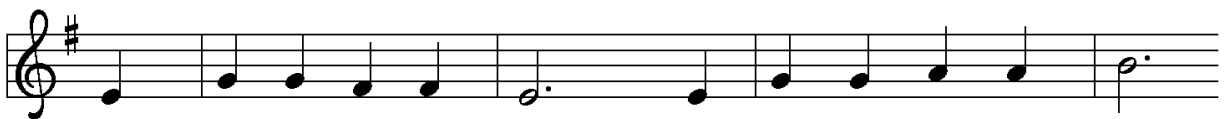
GREETING (p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

“Have Mercy on Us, Lord”

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1 – 13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30 a.m.) SPECIAL MUSIC: OSLC Choir **"How Great is Our God"**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1 – 10 (*Read Responsively*)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9 – 15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:9 – 15. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN:

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED (p. 105)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

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HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.206)

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 207)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 208)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (p. 208)

"Lamb of God"

- 1 *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.*
- 2 *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.*
- 3 *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 208)

BLESSING

People of God, May you be disrupted ...altered....and transformed as you pursue the Holy Spirit out ahead of you. May the power of the Holy Trinity † bless you this day and every day. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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SENDING (p. 209)

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Cal & Marion Olafson and Vernon & Shirley Nelson given by Don & Jan Olafson.

"Altered by the Spirit" - Lent Sundays: Together, we'll follow where the Spirit leads, centering our wondering and reflection on some well-known Spirit stories in the book of Acts. In between worships at 9:40 a.m., we'll gather for conversation in the Conference Room on the Acts and Gospel texts.

"Turning the World Around: Bible Anti-Heroes and Villains" - Lent Wednesdays: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (in-person and online), we will partner with Faith, Trinity, and Kathryn/Nome/Fingal Lutheran to wrestle with how God works through some of the Bible's most colorful characters. Suppers beforehand at 5:30 p.m. will raise free will funds to help offset student's lunch debt at VCPS. Here's what stories are coming up: 2/21 - Nicodemus (Pr. Kyle); 2/28 - The Devil (Pr. Jamie, Faith); 3/6 - Naaman (Pr. Kyle); 3/13 - Leah (Pr. Diane, Trinity); and 3/20 - Jael (Pr. Sharayah, Kathryn/Nome/Fingal).

ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraising Opportunities: Stockholders - be a "Stockholder" by making a financial gift to help get our kids to New Orleans. Fill out a white stockholder tag with your name and address and leave a check or cash in the amount requested. Checks can be made payable to OSLC, memo: Youth Gathering. Stockholders will get personal thank you from our attendees later this summer.

"A Night in New Orleans" Dinner - Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. Enjoy a night out with friends and family, and multi-course New Orleans themed meal to help raise money for Youth from Faith, Trinity, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches to attend the National ELCA Youth Service Trip this July. Tickets (**Adults (12+) \$25.00 and Children (11 and under) - \$15.00**) are available in the church office through Sunday, February 25th.

Quilt Silent Auction - bid on the quilt (donated by the Good Samaritans) from now through the "Night in New Orleans" Event. 100% of the willing bid will go to offset travel costs to New Orleans.

The Community Closet will be having an opening on Monday, March 11th from 5 - 7p. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, March 10th from 6-8p and to reset the basement on the 11th from 7 - 8p. No need to sign up, just show up. Every extra hand helps. Thank you!

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Coral Reberg; Mark & Ronda Reimers, Travis, Derek; Lucile Riden; Connie Riedman; Gary & Kathy Riedman; Brittney & Kandice Risser, Sawyer; Lana Bruns & Steve Robertsdahl, Levi, Adam.

February 18-25, 2024

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship-Choir sings
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship-Choir sings
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: No Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Lent Supper
 6:30 p.m. Lent Worship
 8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radiobroadcast

**Mission Support
 January 2024**

Year To Date Income	\$22,568.62
Year To Date Expense	34,487.50
YTD Income over Expense	-11,918.88
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$11,059.88

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$830,680.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$762,990.40 Total Given
 through February 12, 2024