

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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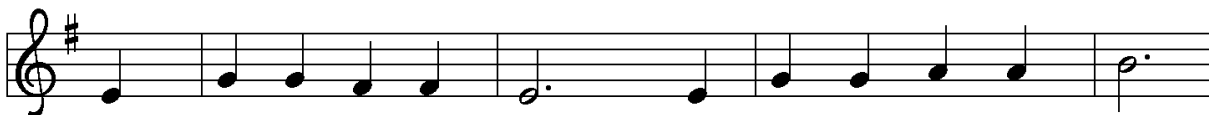
GREETING (p. 203)

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, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 9:1-22

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

PSALM: Psalm 19*(Read Responsively)*

¹**The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.**

²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³**Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,**

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵**It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷**The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹**The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and**

righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹**By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.**

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

#1043

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: John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making 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. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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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:

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" x2

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

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:

“How Great Thou Art”

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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.

"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: 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.

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!

Help decorate the sanctuary of Our Savior's this Easter by sharing Easter lilies, azaleas, tulips, etc. You can contribute a plant in memory of, in honor of. Please bring the plant to the church by Holy Week, March 25th. You can pick them up following the 10:30am Easter worship service. A list of those providing Easter plants will be included in the March 31st bulletin.

Red Willow Bible Camp Registration is now open for grades K-12 and All Family Camp! Camp tuition is 100% covered through the generous support of your OSLC Foundation, so make plans for Red Willow to be a part of your summer. Visit redwillowministries.com to register, and contact Pr. Kyle or the church office for the OSLC registration code.

Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be given in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated. There are many new open dates.

Join Us for Holy Week

- **Palm/Passion Sunday-March 24 at 8:30am and 10:30am**
- **Maundy Thursday-March 28 with/ 1st Communion Celebrations at 6:30pm**
- **Community Good Friday-March 29th at 12:00-1:00pm**
- **Our Savior's Good Friday-March 29th at 6:30pm**
- **Easter Sunday-March 31st at 8:30am and 10:30am**

“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: Andrew & Katie Sather, Parker, Hayley, Charlotte, Oliver; Yvonne Sauer; Mark & Tonya Schlotman, Samantha, Thomas; Jerry & Edie Schmidt; Rich & Karen Schueneman.

March 3-10, 2024

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner-Fundraiser

MON: 11:05 a.m. 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

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Setup Community Closet

**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:	\$3,807.07

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



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

\$780,710.09 Total Given
 through February 26, 2024