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MARCH 15TH, 2026 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who hears our longings and gives us life.
Amen.

Loving God, who knows each of our stories, We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, actions, and inactions. We have been bound by jealousy, shame, and hatred. We have not listened to the cries of our siblings. We have participated in dishonest systems and benefited from violence done on our behalf. Forgive us, we pray. In your mercy free us from all that keeps us bound, and grant us healing and wholeness.

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid. In the name of + Jesus your sins are forgiven. May God speak kindly to you, restore your paths, and look upon you with favor all the days of your life. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who brings us together, our families are complicated by harsh words, failure to recognize one another, and fear of loss. Free us from blame, self-centeredness, and anxiety. Bring those we love to wholeness in your love where all are seen, cared for, and forgiven. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 23:1-6 (read responsively)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

A reading from the book of Genesis, the 39th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

LESSON: Genesis 41:1-57 – 42:1-38

Please follow along in your pew Bible (beginning on pg 33)

Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN

"God, When Human Bonds are Broken"

#603

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wholeness, **we thank you for your faithful promises, for daily bread, and for the freedom and healing you give us in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to restore dignity, mend what is broken, and unbind your people for generous living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs 4)

#803

CREED (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION (Sung)

**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.**

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,
heaven 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.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

"In the Singing" #466

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #553

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

Heavenly Father, You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of dreams and faithful promises, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you always. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Be Thou My Vision"

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SENDING

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This worship is ended, now the service goes on in the world. Go in peace, forgiven, whole, and free. **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.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don & Jan Olafson in memory of Cal & Mary Olafson and Vernon & Shirley Nelson.

Confirmation Students: You should attend the Wednesday worship service at 6:30 and meet afterwards with Kyla in the Youth Room until 8:00.

Transition Listening Sessions

Pr. Jared is facilitating four Transition Listening Session to help OSLC move forward in ministry. Please make plans to participate in one of these sessions. We want each person to know that their participation and voice matters. Listening Session are Wednesdays (3/4 & 3/18) from 7-9pm or Sundays (3/8 and 3/22) from 10am - Noon.

"Pastor and Friends Variety Show" acts needed

Help create the entertainment for the Palm Sundays Breakfast with Pr. Jared. The "Pastor and Friends Variety Show" is looking for soloist or groups to perform instrumental or vocal music, dance routines, dramatic readings, skits, jokes, or even magic tricks. Help fill the set list! Contact Pr. Jared to get in on the fun.

First Communion Milestone: Pr. Jared will be leading a First Communion Milestone for those who would like to begin receiving communion. There are two sessions, Instruction on Sunday, March 29 from 11am-12pm and Bread Baking on Wednesday, April 1 from 6-7:30pm. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Families with participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at the 6:30pm worship service. RSVP appreciated to the church office.

Walking in the Midst of Chaos: The Women of the ELCA are hosting this event at the Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm on Saturday, April 18th from 9am to 3pm. The event features speakers, music, vendors and friendships. Lunch is \$20 and pre-registration is required by March 28th. Walk-ins are welcome, but lunch is not guaranteed. Contact LouVay White or Jan Stowman if you are interested in attending.

Radio Broadcasts: There are currently many Sundays open to sponsor. Please contact Ann in the office if you would like to help with this important outreach ministry. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.

Community Closet will be open Monday, March 16th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up tonight from 6 pm to 8 pm and also to help on Monday.

French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser: on March 22nd, Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City, is serving french toast, sausage, applesauce, coffee and juice from 9:30 – 12:30. Free will offering is accepted and to-go containers are available. Proceeds will go to the general fund.

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team to host Widower' Day. JAGST is hosting Just For Men – A Day for Widowers on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gladstone Inn Anton Klaus Room. This is a day for any man who has experienced the death of his wife. The day will include a special guest speaker, Tommy Jones. Lunch will be included. The event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register call Justin at 701-368-2699.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another. Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for Wayne & Sandra Nelson, Nikki & Dustin Nielsen, Jeanette Oberg, Carl Odegaard and Thomas & Marilyn Odegaard families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

A look ahead at the week of March 15th to March 22nd, 2026.

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Sunday School
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
6:00 pm | Community Closet Set-up

MON: 5:00 pm | Community Closet
6:30 pm | PEO

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
12:30 am | Staff Meeting
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
5:30 pm | Lenten Meal served by the Congregational Life Committee
Hot ham & cheese sandwiches, chips and dessert
6:30 pm | Wednesday Worship Service – Pr Diane Krumm, Longing for Community
7:00 pm | Confirmation – meet with Kyla in the Youth Room after the service
8:00 pm | Sr High Youth Group

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (3/22): 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
10:15 am | Sunday School

11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast