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MARCH 22ND, 2026 - 5TH 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

"God is Here!"

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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

Merciful God, Guilt makes us fearful of the harm we have done and shame threatens to separate us from love. Turn us with humble understanding to the ones we have harmed and give us the wholeness of honest hearts. Free us with forgiveness and teach us repair. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 130:1-8 (read responsively)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 50th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

SERMON

HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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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

"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"

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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.

"I Receive the Living God" #477

"Shepherd Me, O God" #780

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:

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

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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 Dennis & JoAnn Nathan in memory of Otto & Sylvia Nathan.

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.

Youth Fundraiser Palm Sunday Breakfast "Pastor and Friends Variety Show" acts needed

Help create the entertainment for the Youth Fundraiser Palm Sunday Breakfast with Pr. Jared. The "Pastor and Friends Variety Show" is looking for soloists 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.

French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser: Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City, is serving french toast, sausage, applesauce, coffee and juice today 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.

Good Samaritans Quilters are always looking for used sheets and fabric: the quilters are asking, as you clean closets and downsize, to keep them in mind. They are looking for used sheets (no white, please) and fabric (cotton preferred). If you have questions, please contact Ann in the office or Carol Foth.

Treasure Sale Donations: Please remember as you begin your spring cleaning that the WELCA ladies are having their annual treasure sale in early May. Items can be brought anytime, as we have storage space available. Holiday, household, children's toys and other gently used items are welcome. No adult clothing, please. Contact Ann in the office, LouVay White or Jan Stowman with any questions.

Christ in Our Home for April, May and June is now available. Look for both regular and large print booklets in the usual places throughout the church.

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 the Donald & Janice Olafson, Alan & Trisa Olson, Cheryl Olson, Marilyn & Melvin Olstad and Darrin & Jodi Orner 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 22nd to March 29th, 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
1:00 pm | Sr High Youth Group
- 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 Service & Sharing Committee
Sandwiches, pasta salad and dessert
6:30 pm | Wednesday Worship Service – Pr Jamie Desi: Longing for Authenticity
7:00 pm | Confirmation – meet with Kyla in the Youth Room after the service
- FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch
- SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship
- SUN (3/29): 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Palm Sunday Breakfast and Variety Show
10:15 am | Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast