



# OUR SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Sunday Divine Service 8:00am & 10:30am**  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30am  
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***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.  
Psalm 37:5

**Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church!** We are glad that you are here to hear God's Word and share His gifts with us. We thank God that He comes to us again to forgive us our sins and prepare us for eternal life today, and we are grateful that He has brought you here to be with us.

Each week we receive the Sacrament of the Altar where the Lord Jesus comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and drink. In this sacred meal our Lord forgives our sins and strengthens us to live faithfully in communion with Him and with each other. For us this is a family meal and Christ's expectations of us are important. If you are not an active participant in the Our Savior's family or one of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we would ask you to join our family before sharing this sacrament with us. For those not communing we would love for you to join us at the table as a sign of Christian unity. Simply cross your arms over your chest and our pastors will give you a blessing from the Lord. If you have any questions about this or are new here our pastors would love to talk with you. God bless you!

**On the Cover:** *The Miracle of the Bread and Fish*, Giovanni Lanfranco, 1620-23

**Serving today:**

Liturgist ..... Rev. John H. Koopman  
Preacher..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist..... Susan Klute  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Andrew Bittner  
Acolytes..... [8:00] Wesley Whitmore; Delaney Heitner  
..... [10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson  
Sacristan ..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson; [10:30] Mark Senne  
Usher Team ... [8:00] Team 3: Bob Baker; Jeanne Anderson; Hunter Farris  
..... [10:30] Team 3: Mark Senne; Pat Plueger; Carrie Anderson  
A/V Tech..... Joel Maunula

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

## March 15, 2026

### Confession and Absolution

#### Opening Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**Absolution**

*LSB 167*

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Kyrie**

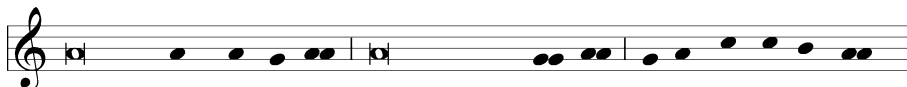
*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



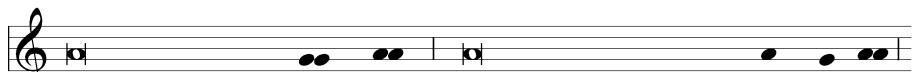
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



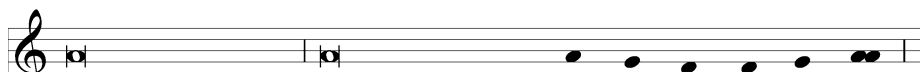
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



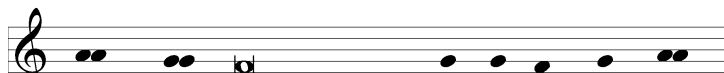
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 16:2–21*

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD

appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 132:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD, and go to your | resting place,\*  
you and the ark | of your might.

<sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,\*  
and let your saints | shout for joy.

<sup>10</sup>For the sake of your servant | David,\*  
do not turn away the face of your a- | noointed one.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will | not turn back:\*

“One of the sons of your body  
I will set | on your throne.

<sup>12</sup>If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,\*  
their sons also forever  
shall sit | on your throne.”

<sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*  
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

14<sup>c</sup>This is my resting place for- | ever;\*  
 here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.  
 15I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\*  
 I will satisfy her | poor with bread.  
 16Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*  
 and her saints will | shout for joy.  
 17There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;\*  
 I have prepared a lamp for my a- | noointed.  
 18His enemies I will | clothe with shame,\*  
 but on him his | crown will shine.”

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Second Reading**

*Acts 2:41–47*

<sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse**

*LSB 173*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
    Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
    Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
    Thou art mine,  
    O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
    Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev’ry heart be quaking,  
    Jesus calms my fear.  
    Lightnings flash  
    And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
    Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
    While I sing of peace.  
    God’s great pow’r  
    Guards ev’ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss,  
Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour,  
O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offertory

LSB 176

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

*If you are an active participant at Our Savior or a sister congregation, we are glad to commune with you today. If you are not a part of the LCMS, we ask that you refrain from Communion. As a sign of our common Christian fellowship If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the table and cross your arms over your chest.*

### Preface

LSB 177



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution Hymns:

#### “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
 There God is ever found;  
 Brought here together by Christ’s love  
 By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
 His charity we learn;  
 Let us with heart and mind and soul  
 Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults  
 As we our faults confess,  
 And let us love each other well  
 In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
 Let all contention cease;  
 Be God’s the glory that we seek;  
 Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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**“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

**LSB 594**

- 1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

- 5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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## **“O Living Bread from Heaven”**

**LSB 642**

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
 With heav'nly food, while here  
 My course on earth is lengthened,  
 To serve with holy fear.  
 And when You call my spirit  
 To leave this world below,  
 I enter, through Your merit,  
 Where joys unmingled flow.

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 182*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 183

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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