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10:00AM



*"It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your
brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."
(Luke 15:32)*

WELCOME!

Opening Song

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Isaiah 53:3-6 - Responsive reading

P He was despised and rejected by men.

C a man of sorrows^s and acquainted with^t grief;

P and as one from whom men hide their faces^t

C he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

P Surely he has borne our griefs

C and carried our sorrows;

P yet we esteemed him stricken.

C smitten by God, and afflicted.

P But he was pierced for our transgressions;

C he was crushed for our iniquities;

P upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C and with his wounds we are healed.

P All we like sheep have gone astray:

C we have turned—every one—to his own way;

P and the LORD has laid on him

C the iniquity of us all.

Prayer of Confession

P Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live a true and godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

C God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

Words of Assurance (John 16:20, 22)

P You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy...I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Hear and receive the Good News - in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

C Thanks be to God!

Worship Songs

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹*You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
²"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."*

³*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:*

*"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
5"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
6Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that

country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sermon

Pastor Patrick Singh

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Service of the Sacrament +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Hymns: Brown Hymnal - 104 - Nothing but the Blood
Brown Hymnal 343 - Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God,
Brown Hymnal 344 - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Post-Communion Collect

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 Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Lenten Vespers: During the season of Lent, all are invited to Lenten Vespers, a brief worship service beginning at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We will also have a Lenten Supper, preceding the Vespers, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The Prayer Gatherings that the Elders have led on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month will resume after Easter.

🌿🌿🌿 **YOU ARE INVITED TO EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST!** 🌿🌿🌿

Please make plans to join us Easter Morning, April 20th, in the school cafeteria from 8am-9am for a delicious Easter buffet breakfast, including favorites, such as: savory egg casseroles, bacon, bagels, donuts, hot coffee and much more! Like last year, we are having a combined service at 10am so the buffet will be broken down starting at 9:15. This will help us keep a schedule that allows all involved sufficient time to clean up and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Hallelujah! Sign-up sheets for food contributions and additional ways to help will be posted in the narthex starting March 30th. We can't do it without you! We very much appreciate your time and talent! Questions? Please contact Betsy Kocsis or Lori Dollard. More details next week.

Easter is coming and so are Easter Lilies! You are invited to order your Easter lilies starting next Sunday, March 30th and April 6th between services in the narthex. Cost is \$10/plant. See or call Lori Dollard regarding any questions and for making payments. Please make checks payable to "Our Savior's Lutheran Church." An online order form will be available also. Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary for Easter!

Mission/Vision Meeting: All members are invited to attend a brief meeting after church today in the Fellowship Room. Arin Cross, a member of the Church Council, will share the results of the survey that was taken by the congregation last month, leading to Our Savior's mission and vision statements recently approved by the Church Council and the Elders. **The Monthly Midweek Service** will be held this coming Wednesday, April 2nd, beginning at 11 a.m. and followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

Portals of Prayer - daily devotional booklets containing devotions for April-June are now available on the shelf in the narthex. Help yourself, and take extra copies to give to friends

Church Offering Envelopes: Numbered boxes of yearly envelopes are given to anyone who requests them. These boxes used to record money given to the church and mailed out every January. PLEASE begin to write your name on the outside of your envelope. This way we can make sure we have you recorded for the envelope you use.

Needed Food Pantry Items: Shelf-stable milk, mayo, cooking oil, pasta sauce, salad dressing, canned fruit, low-salt broth, low salt canned meats and fish, Cereal, Packaged cookies, muffin/brownie mixes.

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email:

mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email (patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

PRAYER NEEDS

-Healing: Anne Kocsis, Barbara Brusco, Toni Cramer, Dave & Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Nora Schoonmaker, George Swint, Eric Unright, Al Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

Homebound: Inge Glidden

-Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Ruth Looman, Lois O'Brien, Jon Ronson

-Chelsea Danei: Bible teacher for Middle School students at Our Savior's Christian School. Thank you, Lord, for the many creative ways that Chelsea engages her students in the Word, in worship and in shared testimonies. Continue to bless their spiritual growth.

11:00AM Servers

Reader: Jen Noble

Communion Servers: Tom Roemke, Brian Dollard, Bud Hoffman, Pete Kemmer

Pray-ers: Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

Ushers: Mark Stuart, Ned Johnson, Paul Gansle, Ken Pleat

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*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!” (Psalm 100:4)*

