



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY  
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR  
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

MARCH 8, 2026  
10:00AM



WELCOME!

## Opening Worship Songs

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T 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.

*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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 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).)*

### Worship Songs

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever

*drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”* <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**C** 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."

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Distribution

### Communion Hymns:

LSB 421 - Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 423 - Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 434 - Lamb of God Pure and Holy

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn 424 - O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-v-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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**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)

**Church Clean-Up:** A Church Clean-Up morning is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st, 8:30 a.m. - noon. We plan to thoroughly clean the sanctuary, balcony, narthex, hallways and other areas connected to the church in preparation for Holy Week. Come and help. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

**Holy Week:** Come and worship during Holy Week. Services will be held on Palm Sunday (March 29) at 10 a.m., on Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 7 p.m., on Good Friday (April 3) at 7 p.m. and culminating with a celebration of our Savior's resurrection on Easter Sunday (April 5) at 10 a.m. There will be an Easter Breakfast preceding the worship service. Invite others to join you in worship at these special services.

**Our Church Secretary,** Linda Swartz, may be contacted by using the following email: [oslsecretary@oursaviors.com](mailto:oslsecretary@oursaviors.com). Please use that email address when sending Linda information relating to the church.

**A Lenten Service** will be held this Wednesday evening, March 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. One of the elders will be leading this vesper service. All are also invited to a Lenten Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

**STREAM** is an Open House for Our Savior's Christian School on March 20<sup>th</sup>, where parents and friends of the school may visit the classrooms and see displays featuring student learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Music (STREAM). Children in kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will also be singing in the gym that evening.

**Vacation Bible School:** Our Savior's will again be holding Vacation Bible School on **July 27-31**. The theme for this summer's VBS is *Tropical Trek - Jesus comes to Seek and to Save*. Registration for children and for volunteers can be done on the church website ([oslalbany.org](http://oslalbany.org)), under "Join Us" in the menu bar. Prayerfully consider volunteering, register your children and invite others to come.

**From Vicar Mark:** *As the family of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we continue to seek ways to bear one another's burdens and to share Christ's love in tangible and faithful ways.*

*On March 8, 2026, we mark one year since Lori Smith went home to her Lord and Savior. Lori was a beloved member of our congregation and her presence among us was a gift. Whether through her quiet faith, her kindness, or her fellowship within of our church family, she leaves behind a memory that continues to bless us.*

*As part of this pastoral practice we have begun, we remember the anniversaries of those we have lost in the past year - not only to give thanks for their lives in Christ, but also to surround their loved ones with prayer.*

*As we remember and give thanks for Lori, I invite you to lift up her children- Melissa, Matt and Mark - before the Lord in prayer. Ask that God would comfort them with His promises, strengthen them in hope, and remind them that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

*As we remember Lori, give thanks for who she was among us and for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection we share in Christ. "The Lord is near the brokenhearted" (Ps 34:18)*

*Friends, this is a faithful expression of what it means to be the Church - remembering, praying and bearing one another's burdens.*

*In Christ,  
Vicar Mark Chaffee*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Eric Unright, Tim Zuelsdorf, Tony Zuelsdorf

**-Homebound:** Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

**-in Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien, Al & Helen Walck .

**Prayer for Becky Sommer**, Middle School Math and Science Teacher at Our Savior's Christian School. Thank God for the many ways that Becky points to Christ during her math and science instruction, giving her students a Biblical, Christ-centered world view.

**Prayer for Our Savior's Sunday School.** Give thanks to God for our faithful Sunday School teachers: Gwen Alexander, Amy Chaffee, Linda Hoffman and Jackie Frank who provide their students with sound Biblical teaching pointing to Jesus, our Savior. Thank God also for the students who come, eager to learn and experience more of God's love. May their numbers increase.

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**Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds

**Worship Leader:** Peggy Maliski

**Reader:** Brian Dollard

**Communion Servers:** Mark Stuart & Andy Cross

**Prayers:** Sharon Swint & Toni Cramer

**Ushers:** Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** (15 March 2026)

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

*By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light*

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).

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