



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

MARCH 15, 2026  
10:00AM

**WELCOME!**



## Opening Hymn - 907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760-1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756-90, alt.  
Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-80  
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## Invocation

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

**Kyrie** (*A prayer asking for the Lord's mercy and help*)

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*A joyful song praising God for His mercy in Christ*)

**P**. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

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 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

Isaiah 42:14-21

*<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.*

*<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.*

*<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.*

*These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.*

*<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
"You are our gods."*

*<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!*

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light  
<sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing  
to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is  
shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it  
becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who  
sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man  
sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of  
him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I  
am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the  
saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”  
(which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day  
when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received  
his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the  
Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can  
a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the  
blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

**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**

**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."

### **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:**

Brown Hymnal 114 - Jesus Paid It All

Brown Hymnal 161 - Lead Me To Calvary

Brown Hymnal 191 - Near the Cross

## 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 - Brown Hymnal - 152 Take My Life and Let It Be**

**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)

**To The Cross** is the theme for the Sunday morning Bible classes during the season of Lent. These six sessions are based on the Gospel of John, chapters 12-17. All are invited join the journey to the cross as we gather in Sunday's Bible Class that meets 9-9:45 in the Fellowship Room.

**A Lenten Service** will be held this Wednesday evening, March 18th , 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.

**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.

**Easter Lilies and Decorations:** You are invited to order your Easter lilies on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> or March 22<sup>nd</sup>, after service in the narthex. An online order form will also be available. Please note, we have been advised to order early as plants do go fast! Cost is \$10/plant, cash or check. Please make checks payable to "Our Savior's Lutheran Church" and write "Easter lilies" in the memo. Please contact Lori Dollard, 518-703-9855 with any questions. Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary Easter morning! What a beautiful sight it will be on April 5<sup>th</sup> as we worship our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

**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 sanctuary at 6:40 that evening.

**Clean the Church Interior** on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30-noon, in preparation for Holy Week worship services. Tasks include: washing windows, cleaning carpets and pews. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Come and help if you can.

**Singing our Savior's praises:** We have another opportunity to share the love and joy of Jesus through song with residents of Promenade Assisted Living facility on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 a.m. Please join us if you enjoy singing familiar hymns. No auditions needed. Contact Tom Roemke for more information.

**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 ([oslabany.org](http://oslabany.org)), under "Join Us" in the menu bar. Prayerfully consider volunteering, register your children and invite others to come.

**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.

**Lori Smith's Family:** As we thank God for the life of Lori Smith who went home to be with the Lord on March 8, 2025; we are encouraged to remember her family in our prayers. You may send notes of encouragement to her son Mark Smith whose address is: 1563 3rd Street, basement apartment, Renssalaer, NY 12144.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Healing:** Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Ellyn Olson, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Tim Zuelsdorf, -

**Homebound:** Inge Glidden

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

**Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds

**Contemporary Worship:** Heather Baird

**Reader:** Andy & Arin Cross

**Communion Servers:** Jeremy & Jenn Noble

**Pray-ers:** Brian & Lori Dollard

**Ushers:** Joe Lenge, Teri Zuelsdorf

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(22 March 2026)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-45 (46-53) or John 11:17-27, 38-53

### *Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life*

The illness and death of Lazarus happened *“that the Son of God may be glorified through it”* (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *“for the nation”* and gather *“into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”* (John 11:51-52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *“unbind him, and let him go”* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *“submit to God’s law,”* nor could we *“please God”* (Rom. 8:7-8), but *“he condemned sin”* in His own flesh so *“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us”* (Rom. 8:3-4). Now through the Gospel, *“the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells”* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

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