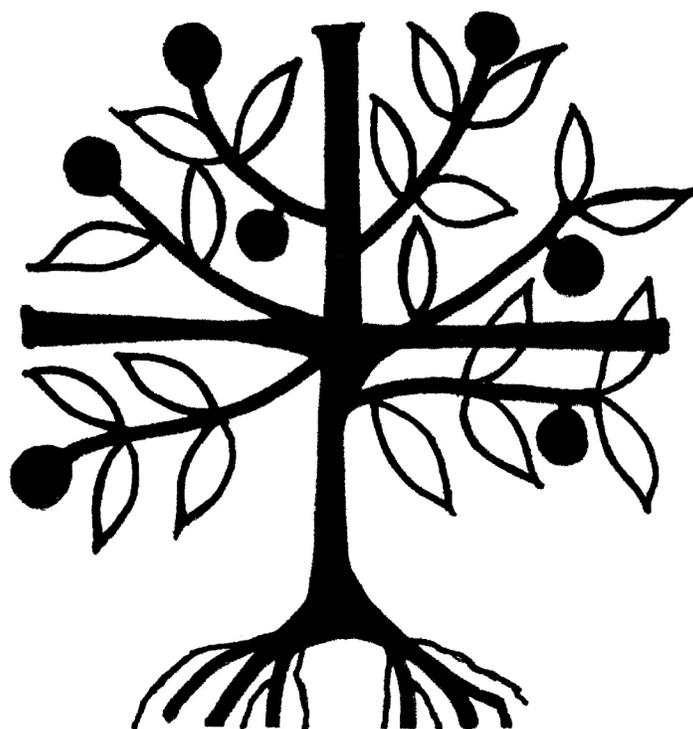


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

March 1, 2026

Lent 2



WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Our current liturgy is from All Creation Sings, Setting 12, and Sundays and Seasons.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's health diagnosis); Paul Stum (at-home care); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (memory care), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Family and Friends of David Hendrickson (friend of Pat Alvord and former Our Saviour's member); Mary Pflibsen (Aunt Kay G., recovering from hip replacement); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin- in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Nancy (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.



OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for this second Sunday in Lent explore the meaning of faith in God from a variety of angles. Genesis tells a story where trust of God boils down to a willingness to set out on a journey. The psalm instills trust in God's keeping of us on every path life will take us. Paul declares grace is received by faith rather than any "earning" of it on our part. The gospel of John tells a beloved but surprisingly complex story about the meeting of Jesus with Nicodemus.



Lent with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry - Chapel
Daytime services are led by Our Saviour's; Evening services led by LCM. All are invited to attend either or both. Held in the Chapel

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 12:00 PM - Service followed by a meal

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 6:15 PM – Service followed by a meal

Special Lent Offering - ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. by Sharon Wilson

Robert Chamberlain, Kelsey Archer Osburn, Betsy Dunlap

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

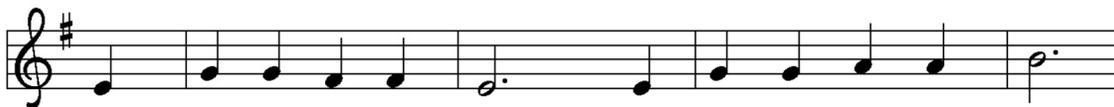
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

FIRST READING

Our Old Testament reading is from the book of Genesis.

In this passage, we hear a foundational story of faith. God calls Abram and Sarai to set out on a journey that leaves home and family behind on the way to a new land. God does not ask Abram and Sarai to confess a series of theological propositions. God asks them to simply set one foot after the other on the way to a land not yet named much less revealed. In the end, Abram and Sarai hear, and then they walk. How? By trust in God's promise. By faith.

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Our New Testament reading is from Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

Our reading from Genesis told the story of faith in narrative form. Paul now offers his take on that story in a type of rabbinic commentary on its theology. Like Genesis, much of what Paul writes may be very familiar. Righteousness by faith and not works. Grounding God's promises in grace received by faith and not works. The God who gives life to the dead. For Luther and the other Reformers, this passage is a touchstone for the message of the Gospel.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ACS #1005 Ask the Complicated Questions

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*CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property and along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey God. This is most certainly true.

From Martin Luther's Explanation of The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING *String Duo in D Major – Adagio* by Joseph Haydn

Robert Chamberlain and Kelsey Archer Osburn

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy

2x any language

Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

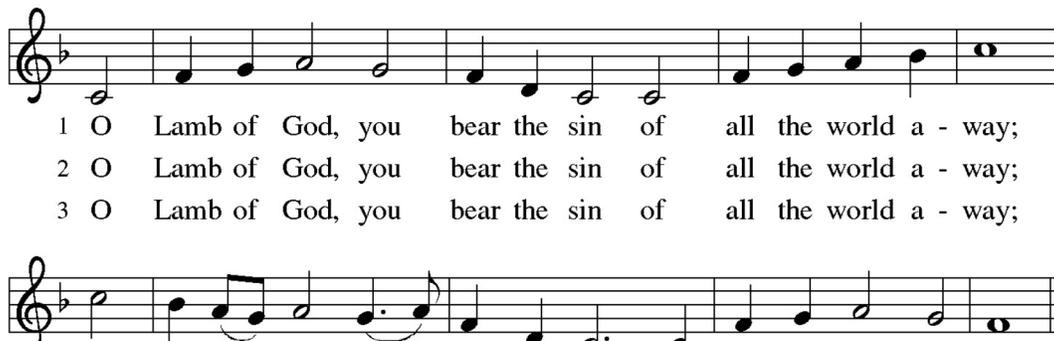
This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMNS Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
ELW #407 O Living Breath of God

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #321 Eternal Lord of Love Behold Your Church
Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God!

Namoli Bennet Concert - Today at 4 PM (potluck following)

On Sunday, March 1, we will revive our Koch Chapel Concert Series with a return performance from Namoli Brennet. Dubbed, "Among the best folk-rock artists in the US" by the Tucson Weekly, singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet has been touring the US and Europe for 12+ years. A 4-time Outmusic award nominee who was featured in the inaugural Trans 100 list, Brennet has self-released 13 albums. Her music has been featured in The Advocate, on NPR and in the Emmy-award-winning documentary Out In The Silence which details the struggle of a gay teen growing up in rural Pennsylvania. An artist whose music has evolved, along with their gender, into something sophisticated, powerful and moving that defies categorization. Hosted by the Reconciling in Christ team and Tucson Multifaith for Pride.

Admission: \$15 payable at the door (cash preferred)

Potluck: Hang out after the show! Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share! Beverages, plates & utensils provided.

Ask the Complicated Questions

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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ELW #321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

3/1/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Nilu Dorschner
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Jennifer Strand Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Joy Bulawa
Music	Robert Chamberlain, Kelsey Archer Osburn
Usher	Diane Siefkes, Jeanne Gacke
Greeter	Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Bonnie Phelps
Coffee Host	David Lester
Treats	Wyatt/Bales
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

3/8/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Jeanne Gacke, Mary Fernandez
Greeter	Angie Grandison
Cross Bearer	Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

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8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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