

**Our mission  
is to teach,  
love,  
and connect...  
teach all ages  
about Jesus,  
love one another  
as God loves us,  
and connect  
with others  
in a hurting world.**

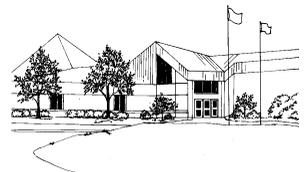
# **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

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# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

## *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** Only weeks ago, Jesus was called out by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now Jesus reveals what He must do for us and our salvation. He must stand where Adam stood, tempted by the devil. This time, however, Jesus refuses to surrender His righteousness in the face of evil but preserves it so that He might give it to you and to me. With confidence in Christ's righteousness, which we wear by Baptism, and His forgiveness, which restores us when we fall, we know that the devil can harm us no more. We belong to Christ. In the power of Christ, we are made strong before the tempter's power, and in Him we are brought through death to life everlasting.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **RINGING OF BELL**

### **OPENING SONG**

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**LSB 657**



- 1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
- 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 lect - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## **WELCOME**

*Please stand.*

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Pastor: If we say, "We have no sin." we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Indeed, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. *1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23*

People: **Yet God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life.** *John 3:16*

Pastor: Let us then confess that we are sinners, and thank God our Father for the forgiveness that He has given us through Jesus Christ.

**All:** 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.

*Psalm 51:1-5, Romans 7*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All:** through our faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us and forgiven us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, 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.

*Psalm 23, Psalm 51:6-17*

### **Absolution**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

*Remain standing for the Song of Praise.*

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

#### **“Once Again”**

by M. Redman

**Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;  
You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I’ve wondered at Your gift of life,  
and I’m in that place once again. I’m in that place once again.**

**Chorus:** Once again I look upon the cross where You died.  
I’m humbled by Your mercy and I’m broken inside.  
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

**Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I’ll bow.  
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace,  
and I’m full of praise once again.  
I’m full of praise once again. *Chorus***

**Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.  
Thank You for the cross, my Friend. *Repeat, then chorus***

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### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 3:1–21**

*Sin entered into the world through the fall of Adam.*

Reader: Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock

and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

*Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 7a*

Leader: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**People: whose sin is covered.**

Leader: Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

**People: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**People: through my groaning all day long.**

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

**People: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,

**People: and I did not cover my iniquity;**

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly

**People: offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;**

Leader: surely in the rush of great waters,

**People: they shall not reach him.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;

**People: you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 5:12–19**

*By one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,  
so by one man's obedience shall the many be declared righteous.*

Reader: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.*

**Matthew 4:1–11**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

Pastor: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"  
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

**SONG**

**“Death Was Arrested”**

by A. Kersh, B. Coker, H. Balltzglier, P. T. Smith

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
Lost without hope with no place to begin;  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,  
When death was arrested and my life began.**

**Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains;  
My orphan heart was given a name.  
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,  
When death was arrested and my life began.**

**Chorus**

**Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.**

**Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more.  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.  
He cancelled my debt, and He called me His friend,  
When death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus***

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.  
That's when death was arrested and my life began. *Chorus***

**Bridge**

**Oh, we're free, free forever we're free.  
Come join the song of all the redeemed.  
Yes, we're free, free; forever, amen!  
When death was arrested and my life began. *Repeat***

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**SERMON**

**“Let It Be”**

**Genesis 3:4-5**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.**

**WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS** *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

**We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

**Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.**

**What does this mean?**

**Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.**

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Please stand.*

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: That the Lord grant us all good things as are needful for this body and life and prevent all things harmful to us and our salvation, let us pray in the name of Jesus, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God and one Lord, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS**

Pastor: 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, saying,

**People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"**

### **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.**

### **WORDS OF CONSECRATION**

Pastor: 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  $\text{\textcircled{c}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: 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  $\text{\textcircled{c}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

*John 1:29*

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

**People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

## **SONG**

### **“Lead Me to the Cross”**

by B. Fraser

Savior, I come, quiet my soul.  
Remember redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom.  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss.

**Chorus:** Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death. Now you're risen.  
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss. *Chorus*

To your heart, to your heart.  
Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart.

**Chorus 2:** Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh, lead me. *repeat Chorus 2*  
Lead me to the cross.

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*Please stand.*

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **“Your Love Never Fails”** by A. Skinner and C. McClarney

Nothing can separate;  
Even if I ran away;  
Your love never fails.  
I know I still make mistakes, but  
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday;  
Your love never fails.

**Chorus** You stay the same through the ages;  
Your love never changes.  
There may be pain in the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
And when the oceans rage,  
I don't have to be afraid,

**Because I know that You love me.**

*First time only: (Your love never fails.)*

**The wind is strong, and the water's deep,  
But I'm not alone here in these open seas;  
Your love never fails.**

**The chasm is far too wide,  
I never thought I'd reach the other side;  
Your love never fails. *Chorus***

**Bridge**

**You make all things work together for my good.  
You make all things work together for my good. *Repeat***

*Chorus*

*Instrumental section*

*Repeat Bridge twice*

*Chorus*

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**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Readings for next Sunday:**

**Genesis 12:1–9**

**Psalm 121**

**Romans 4:1–8, 13–17**

**John 3:1–17**

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