

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

"Every Saint Has a Past; Every Sinner Has a Future" -- John 3:14-15

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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 "Born again" has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. Baptismal water is the womb through which we are born again and born from above to the life that death cannot overcome and is eternal. As we make our way through Lent, we are constantly reminded of the truth of Luther's explanation: we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ, our Lord, or come to Him. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Welcome to **National Lutheran Schools Week 2026!** This week is a cherished opportunity for us to come together as a community of believers across the nation and around the world to celebrate the joy and purpose found in Lutheran education. Our theme, drawn from Psalm 98:4, is a powerful and vibrant call to action: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

Lutheran education is built on Christ and centers on the Gospel. That means every subject taught, every relationship nurtured and every celebration held has eternal significance. And so, with joy in our hearts and praise on our lips, we begin this week confident that Jesus is present in every classroom, guiding our students and staff in truth and love.

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

PREPARATION

Please stand.

Invocation Song

“Where Two or Three”

by S. Kamman

**All on Chorus: Where two or three are gathered in my name,
There am I in the midst of them.
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
There am I in the midst of them.**

Students: We gather here today
To sing and praise and pray;
We know that God is here
And will not go away. **(All on chorus)**

**ALL: In the name of God the Father,
In the name of God the Son,
In the name of God the Spirit,
Forever Three in one. (All on chorus)**

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Song—led by Jubilate Choir “Trust in God”

by B. Lake, C. Brown, M. Wong, S. Furtick

*Choir: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
And what He did for me on Calvary
Is more than enough.*

*Choir on Chorus: I trust in God, My Savior,
The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.
I trust in God, My Savior,
The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.*

**ALL: Perfect submission, All is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song.
I'm praising my risen King and Savior
All the day long.**

**ALL on Chorus: I trust in God, My Savior,
The One who will never fail,**

**He will never fail.
I trust in God, My Savior,
The One who will never fail,
He will never fail.**

Instrumental interlude

**Bridge: I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
That's why I trust Him, That's why (I trust Him).**

ALL: Repeat Bridge and Chorus

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 121:1–2, 8

- P** From where does my help come?
C My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
P The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,
C from this time forth and forevermore.

Confession and Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.
P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthems—Alleluia Choir (Kindergarten–Gr. 2)

**“Shine Your Light”
“Grant, O God, Your Blessing”**

by Terry D. Taylor
by Michael Bedford

WORD

Please stand.

Kyrie

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Anthem—Hosanna Choir (Gr. 3-5) **“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”** by Allan Mahnke

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

God’s call to Abraham and His promise that Abraham would become the father of a great nation.

- L** 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. And 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. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they

came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthems—Cherub Choir (Pre-K)

“Thank You March”

by Karyn Henley

“Love, Love, Love”

by Lois Brokering

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

Abraham and his heirs are declared righteous by grace through faith.

L What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem—Jubilate Choir (Gr. 6-8)

“Hear Our Prayer”

by Mark Patterson

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

Verse

John 3:16

C For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day "Sing! Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord" [tune: LORD OF JOY]

Theme hymn for the 2025-26 National Lutheran Schools Week by Jeffrey E. Burkart



1 Sing! Make a joy - ful noise to the LORD; Break forth in joy - ous
2 Prais - es now sing to God the Most High; Mel - o - dies make that
3 Sing to the LORD a new joy - ous song; He will judge the world
4 God has re - mem - bered His stead - fast love; His faith - ful - ness is
Δ 5 Make a most joy - ful noise to the LORD; Praise sing to Fa - ther,



song and prais - es! Mar - vel - ous things the LORD has now done;
 soar to heav - en! Trum - pets and lyres are burst - ing with joy;
 with righ - teous - ness. Shout with a fes - tal joy, faith - ful throng;
 ours for - ev - er. God sent His Son from heav - en a - bove,
 Son, and Spit - it! The LORD has done most mar - vel - ous things;



Sing so that all the world can hear_ it! God has made sal -
 Seas roar and all those who dwell there - in! Riv - ers then shall
 Cast a - side all sin and way - ward - ness! Trust in God who
 Whose love and mer - cy fails us nev - er. Je - sus came to
 Sing so that all the na - tions cheer_ it! Through faith in the



va - tion_ known, And His righ - teous - ness_ has shown!
 clap their_ hands; Hills sing praise_ through - out_ the lands!
 sent His_ Son Who, for all_ sal - va - ion's won!
 die and_ rise So, in Him_ we too_ a - rise!
 One - in - Three We shall live_ e - ter - nal - ly!

Sermon “Every Saint Has a Past; Every Sinner Has a Future.” John 3:14-15

Teacher Anniversaries

Please stand.

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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

- P** Let us pray to the Lord,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

I Belong to a Mighty God

by Lynn DeShazo

Offering

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. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth.
- C** **Amen.**

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:1, 3; Mark 11:9–10

- P** Isaiah wrote, "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. . . . And one called to another and said:
- C** **'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"**
- P** When Jesus entered Jerusalem, "those who went before and those who followed were shouting,
- C** **'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'"**

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 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.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Genesis 22:8; John 1:29; Revelation 7:17

P Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb."

C Lord, have mercy.

P John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

C Christ, have mercy.

P John saw "the Lamb in the midst of the throne."

C Lord, have mercy and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Distribution *Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.*

Distribution Hymn God Loved the World So That He Gave

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Please stand for final Trinitarian verse. \triangle



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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Stand

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C **and His mercy endures forever.**

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

OSLS Theme Song for 2025-2026

by S. Kamman

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Text based on Psalm 98

Verse 1 Rivers shout and mountains cry
Echoes roll through the open sky
Feet stomp down on this dusty ground. X X X X (*slow stomp*)
Trumpets blare, horns call out
Fields sway as the people shout
The air is filled with praise today *Chorus*

Chorus: Make a joyful noise! Let the earth rejoice!
Sing it loud, sing it clear, sing it free.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Let us sing and tell of God's love that we know so well.

Verse 2 The hills they clap, The heavens ring (*Clap on the beat*)
O Lord, hear us as we sing
We have seen the salvation of our God. X X X X (*slow clap*)
Rivers shout and mountains cry

**Echoes roll through the open sky
Feet stomp down on this dusty ground. X X X X (fast stomp)**

Chorus

**Bridge: The sea it roars, the waves collide
Creation joins all hands worldwide
Our voices rise with every beat...**

Chorus

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK



Let's
Make
a Joyful
Noise PSALM 98:4



2026

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.

Readings for next week, 3/8:

Isaiah 42:14–21

Psalm 142

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9
