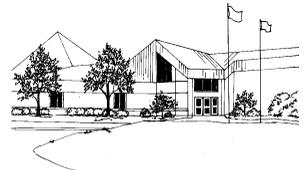


**Our mission  
is to teach,  
love,  
and connect...  
teach all ages  
about Jesus,  
love one another  
as God loves us,  
and connect  
with others  
in a hurting world.**



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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** Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**11:00 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF BELL**

## OPENING SONG

## “Be Exalted, O God”

by B. Chambers

**Verse:** I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

**Chorus:** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

*Repeat both sections.*

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## WELCOME

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

**People:** Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Pastor:** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**People:** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**Pastor:** They feast on the abundance of Your house,

**People:** and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

**Pastor:** For with You is the fountain of life;

**People:** in Your light do we see light.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People:** Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**People: And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Great Are You, Lord”** by D. Leonard, J. Ingram, L. Jordan

**Verse**            **You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord.**

**Chorus**           **It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.**

*Repeat Verse*

*Repeat Chorus twice*

**Bridge**            **And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing.  
Great are You, Lord! *Repeat Bridge***

*Chorus*

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*Please be seated.*

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Life is restored in the valley of the dry bones.*    **Ezekiel 37:1–14**

Reader: The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me

around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM—JUBILATE CHOIR "O Come and Mourn"**

arr. by H. Hopson

**EPISTLE READING**

*Life in the Spirit through Christ.*

**Romans 8:1–11**

Reader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*The sign of the raising of Lazarus from the dead.*

**John 11:1–45**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

Pastor: Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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**

## **“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**

by R. Repp

### **Chorus**

**I am the resurrection and the life;  
He who believes in Me will never die.  
I am the resurrection and the life;  
He who believes in Me will live a new life.**

**I have come to bring the truth.  
I have come to bring you life.  
If you believe then you shall live. *Chorus***

**In My word all men will come to know  
It is love which makes the spirit grow.  
If you believe then you shall live. *Chorus***

**Keep in mind the things that I have said.  
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread.  
If you believe then you shall live. *Chorus***

## **SERMON**

## **“Let Us Also Go”**

**John 11:1-45**

# **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: We beseech You, O Lord,

**People: hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **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 ☩ 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 ☩ 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

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

## **SONG**

### **"I Come to the Cross"**

by B. Batstone and B. Somma

**I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace.  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Humbly, I come to the cross.**

I come to the cross, seeking mercy and grace.  
I come to the cross where You died in my place.  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,  
Jesus, I come to the cross.

**Chorus:** Your arms are open, You call me by name,  
You welcome this child that was lost.  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

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## **SONG**

### **“You Have Been Good”**

by T. Paris

**Chorus:** O Lord, You have been good;  
You have been faithful  
To all generations;  
O Lord, Your steadfast love  
And tender mercy  
Have been our salvation. *repeat*

**Verses:** For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, You have been good;  
You have been faithful  
To all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, Almighty God,  
Father unchanging,  
upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good,  
You have been faithful,  
You have been good,  
You have been faithful,  
You have been good.

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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 HYMN VERSES****Go to Dark Gethsemane****LSB 436, sts. 1-3**

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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**SILENT PRAYER****POSTLUDE**

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**Readings for next Sunday, 4/2:**

**Isaiah 50:4–9a**

**Psalm 118:19–29**

**Philippians 2:5–11**

**Matthew 26—27**

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