

Ash Wednesday

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MISSION**

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and ac-

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

**FAMILY RESOURCES** At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion is a sacrament of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

**WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT** If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday, February 18, 2025  
12:00 p.m.



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## HOLY COMMUNION

**GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

**INVITATION TO LENT**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another,**

**and before the whole company of heaven,**

**that we have sinned by our fault,**

**by our own fault,**

**by our own most grievous fault,**

**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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

#### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*People may come forward and receive the ashes.*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*People go back to their place in the pews and sit.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## READINGS FROM ECCLESIASTES

### Ecclesiastes 1:4-7, 9-10

- <sup>4</sup> Generations come and generations go,  
but the earth remains forever.
- <sup>5</sup> The sun rises and the sun sets,  
and hurries back to where it rises.
- <sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  
and turns to the north;  
round and round it goes,  
ever returning on its course.
- <sup>7</sup> All streams flow into the sea,  
yet the sea is never full.  
To the place the streams come from,  
there they return again. . . .
- <sup>9</sup> What has been will be again,  
what has been done will be done again;  
there is nothing new under the sun.
- <sup>10</sup> Is there anything of which one can say,  
“Look! This is something new”?  
It was here already, long ago;  
it was here before our time.

### *Oh, Love, How Deep* ELW 322, verse 1

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!

### **Ecclesiastes 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>I also said to myself, “As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. <sup>19</sup>Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup>Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?” <sup>22</sup>So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

### **Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322, verse 2**

2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
of high - er or of low - er place,  
but wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
and to this world him - self he came.

### **Ecclesiastes 4:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed—

and they have no comforter;

power was on the side of their oppressors—

and they have no comforter.

<sup>2</sup> And I declared that the dead,

who had already died,

are happier than the living,

who are still alive.

<sup>3</sup> But better than both

is the one who has never been born,

who has not seen the evil

that is done under the sun.

**Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322, verse 4**

4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his dai - ly works he wrought,  
by words and signs and ac - tions thus  
still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10-15**

<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has enough;  
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.  
This too is meaningless.

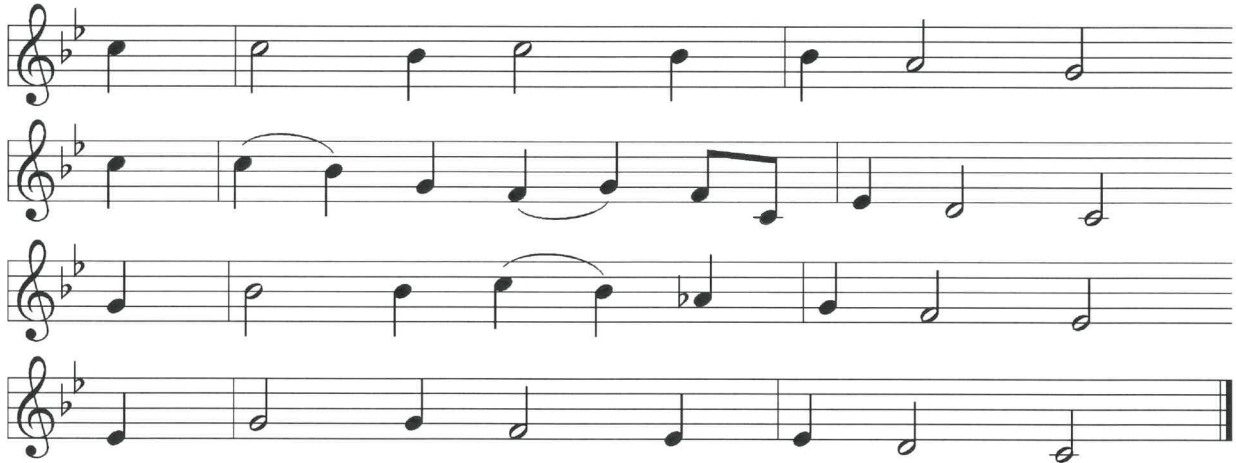
<sup>11</sup> As goods increase,  
so do those who consume them.  
And what benefit are they to the owners  
except to feast their eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laborer is sweet,  
whether they eat little or much,  
but as for the rich, their abundance  
permits them no sleep.

<sup>13</sup> I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:  
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,  
<sup>14</sup> or wealth lost through some misfortune,  
so that when they have children  
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

<sup>15</sup> Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,  
and as everyone comes, so they depart.  
They take nothing from their toil  
that they can carry in their hands.

**Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322, verse 5**



5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

**Ecclesiastes 7:5-12**

- 5 It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person  
than to listen to the song of fools.
- 6 Like the crackling of thorns under the pot,  
so is the laughter of fools.  
This too is meaningless.
- 7 Extortion turns a wise person into a fool,  
and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- 8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning,  
and patience is better than pride.
- 9 Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit,  
for anger resides in the lap of fools.
- 10 Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?"  
For it is not wise to ask such questions.
- 11 Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing  
and benefits those who see the sun.
- 12 Wisdom is a shelter  
as money is a shelter,  
but the advantage of knowledge is this:  
Wisdom preserves those who have it.

***Oh, Love, How Deep* ELW 322, verses 6 and 7**

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6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*      ELW 321

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the  
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Change My Heart, O God* ELW 801 (sing twice)

*Restore in Us, Oh God* ELW 328

*Create in Me A Clean Heart* ELW 188

**COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

**DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Presider and Preacher:**

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

**Assisting Minister:**

Debby B.

**Pianist:**

Peace Phan

**Ushers:**

Lois D.

**Altar Guild:**

Jane W.

**Sound/Videography:**

Jon S.

