

**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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# WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

## ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God,

**C: 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 our Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Everlasting God,

C: **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Love You Lord*

Gordon Miller

## WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

#### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. <sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me. <sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God. <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

### **ACCORDING TO**

#### **St. Matthew 21:1-11**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is

this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Where Is Everybody?*

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

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for  
the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- A:** God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- A:** God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- A:** God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- A:** God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. agencies, and services. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- A:** We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- A:** God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief especially those whom we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth (especially), let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## **WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*For Those Tears I Died*

Gordon Miller

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Our service has ended. May God's peace fill you this day and all days with the good news.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **This Sunday's Readings**

Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 21:1-11

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY***

### **OSL MEMBERS**

Georgie Whitmore – recovering from surgery  
Doreen Hasenwinkel – health issues  
Hap Kretzmann – health issues  
Shirley Gregor – recovering from foot surgery  
Dale Wilson – health issues  
Lois Wilson – health issues  
Rick & Pat Smith – The Willows  
Denny Erickson – recovering after surgery  
Dave Luthro – Glenwood, Marshalltown  
Floyd Harthun – health issues  
Cathy Sease – health issues  
Lola Breed – health issues  
Esther Seim – Glenwood, Marshalltown

