



OUR
SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God's house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it's the good news on every page of God's Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

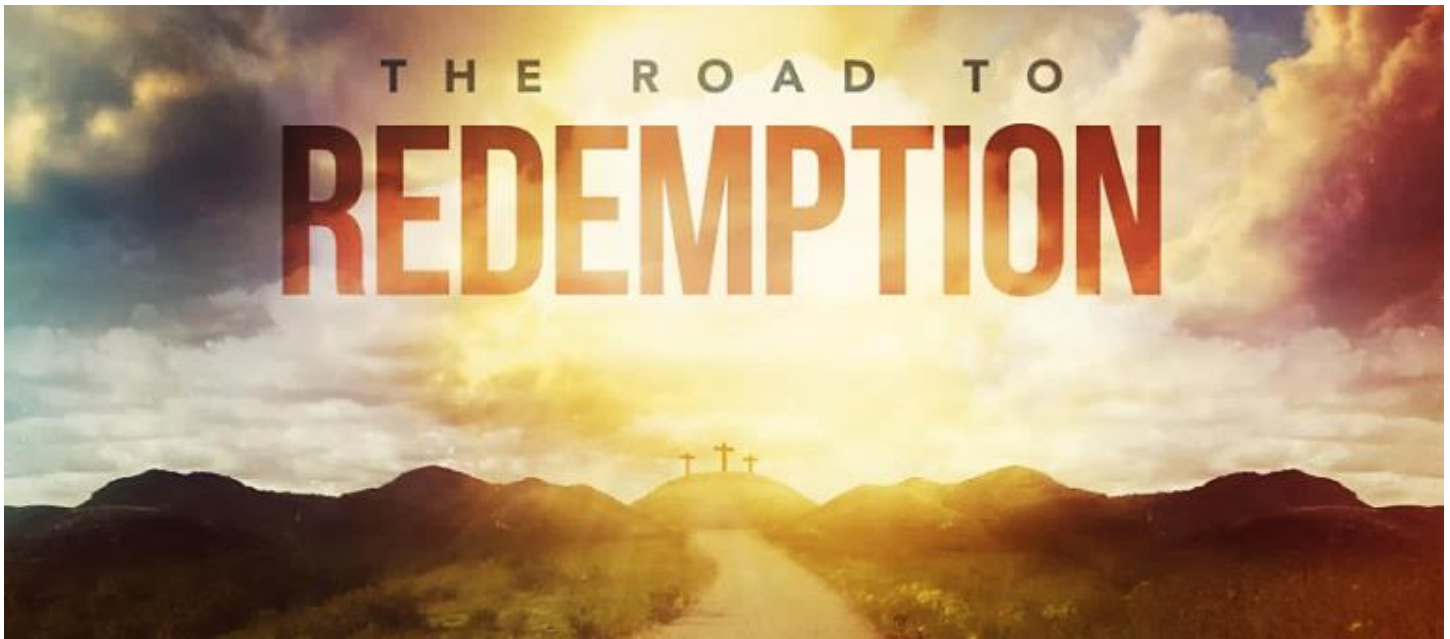
- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour's proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).



WORSHIP SERIES



February 18

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

Turn Around

Speedbumps

Staying on Course

Keep Your Eyes Up

Remember the Final Destination

We all have a path in life. Robert Frost once penned these famous words, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Jesus took the path that no one else could, and it makes all the difference for us. He saved us from the wide, easy road to hell. We now have a new life and a new road. It may not be easy, but Christ has given this road to us for our eternal good and it makes all the difference for us. Be committed to following his way. This week, Jesus spends time showing us where we need to turn around. That is literally what the word “repentance” means. We need help seeing the things that distract us from fully following Jesus, that take us away from selflessly serving others out of gratitude for God’s grace, and that cut in to the path of righteousness God has laid. Jesus has the truth that turns us away from it all. He has the love that returns us to the road of his redemption.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

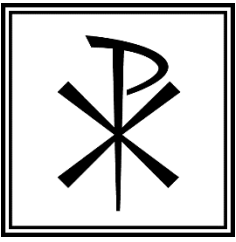
Presiding & Preaching *Pastor Tom Moldenhauer*

Organist *Deb Selland*

Ushers Dick Gimbel – Elder, LeRoy Humann – Leader, Don Martin, Scott Overson, Kaden Overson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please stand.

A Gathering Rite is a memorable way of putting together song with confession and absolution. Often it also heightens awareness on the theme for the day or the season of the Church Year. This Gathering Rite focuses our faith where it needs to be in preparation for Holy Week.

This hymn was written by German lawyer, Johann Franck, in the late 1640s. A WELS church band, Koine, gave it a new melody and setting in 2014 for use as a gathering hymn for confession and absolution.

GATHERING RITE

Lord, to You I Make Confession

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

L We have come into God's presence, Maker of the heavens and earth. He created us to love him; to serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and erred, thus deserving wrath and anger.

L Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion:
I have sinned and gone a - stray;
I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
Cho - sen for my - self my way.
Led by you to see my er - rors,
Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

L

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.” Therefore, we confess together:

2 Corinthians 7:10

C

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.



C Lord, on you I cast my bur - den



Sink it in the depths be - low!



Let me know your gra - cious par - don;



Wash me, make me white as snow.



Let your Spi - rit leave me ne - ver;

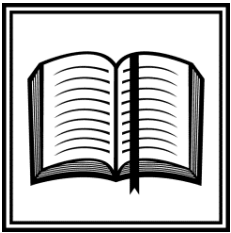


Make me on - ly yours fo - re - ver.

L

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C For your Son has suffered for me,
 Giv'n him - self to res - cue me,
 Died to save me and re - store me,
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free.
 Je - sus' cross a - lone can van - quish
 These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.



THE WORD

The Salutation has deep roots in Christian worship and begins the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray.

Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).

- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

God's promises to Abraham gave him faith that did not waver, even when tested. This helps us see where we need to turn from anything that tries to separate us from God.

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalms have been used in worship since the Old Testament.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 6 | pg. 66

God does not turn from us but hears and comforts us with grace and truth.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Jesus was willing to bring his kingdom to us, even when it meant struggle. He leads us to turn from evil and share this struggle against sin.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress | 200

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

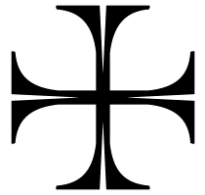
THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of the pew.

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.





THE SACRAMENT

This familiar and ancient worship greeting begins the Sacrament section with the joyful assurance of our Lord's powerful presence.

PREFACE

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has turned us from death to life by sacrifice on the cross. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Recorded for us in Isaiah 6:4, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty," in the presence of the Triune God. The Church sings the same song in preparation for His Supper, faithfully confessing the Lord's true presence in the Sacrament.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L Gracious Father, in love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks
that your eternal Son, Jesus, became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law,
that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross,
that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Pastor offers a prayer in a similar way that Jesus did when he took bread and gave thanks before instituting this holy Supper.

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

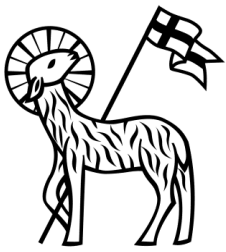
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT



God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to trust God's Holy Word. Therefore, we ask that only current members (WELS/ ELS) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

✓ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

During the distribution the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns:

Choir **Take and Eat** | 741
 Join the choir as you become familiar with the tune printed on the next page.

HYMN **I Walk in Danger All the Way** | 431

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,

this is my blood giv - en up for you.

Martin Luther reminds us in the Samll catechism tha the power of the Sacrament is not our "eating and drinking... but the words 'given' and 'poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of Christ.

Verses

- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
- 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
- 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
- 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
- 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
- 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.
 A chos-en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the Shep-herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
 I am the Bride-groom, this my wed-ding song.

To Refrain

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

After the distribution please stand.

L Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C **His mercy endures forever.**

Psalm 118:1

L Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Corinthians
11:26*

L We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

This is the blessing God has bestowed on his people since the time of Moses (for over 3,500 years). These are the final words in worship as we depart with God's peace and power.

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NEWS & NOTES

THIS WEEK

Today Choir @ 8 am
Worship @ 9 am (Lord's Supper)
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

Monday Bible Basics @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday Catechism @ 5-6pm (at Redeemer)
Lent Meal @ 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Lent Worship @ 7 pm

Thursday Council @ 6:30pm

Sunday Choir @ 8 am
Worship @ 9 am
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

MIDWEEK LENT

Our midweek Lent services will be at 7pm from February 14 – March 21, with suppers from 5:30-6:45 available for everyone. Pastors Wolfe and Juergens will again be involved in our midweek rotation. The theme for those services is: *Jesus Is Our Great High Priest*.

CATECHISM DURING LENT

On Wednesdays there will be no joint Bible Night at Redeemer, but Catechism students will still be meeting at Redeemer at 5 pm. If you need help with rides, please speak to Pastor. He can help organize a carpool.

SEMINARY CHORUS HOSTS

We are hosting the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus on March 29th for a joint concert at Redeemer. If you would like to house a couple of seminary men, please sign up at the bulletin board.

EASTER FOR KIDS

Register your child, invite your friends, and/or sign up to help us reach out to kids with the message of Easter. The event is schedule for March 24 from 10am-12:30.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sign up if you would like to bring a dish to pass for this fellowship meal on March 25.

MEALS FOR LENT

Sign up if you would be willing to organize a meal on Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 14-March 21). A meal would need to feed about 40-60 people. Meals will be served from 5:30 – 6:45 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for Easter flowers. Last day to order is February 25. Please pay Mariann Lang when you sign up. Make checks to Our Saviour's Mission Society.

COUNCIL

Our church council meeting is this week on Thursday at 6:30pm. We are still looking for a council secretary. Men interested should talk to Pastor or Scott Overson.

LITTLE TREASURES

Our playgroup will start after Easter. We will be holding sessions twice a month on Thursday mornings from 10-11am. If you want to help, sign up at the board.

BIRTHDAYS

Don Martin – February 11
Scott Overson – February 12
Carol Humann – February 16
Logan Lang – February 16
Gunner Kershaw – February 20
Parker Keech – February 21
Joanna Jensen – February 24
Luther Moldenhauer – February 25
Scott Woodson – February 26