



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

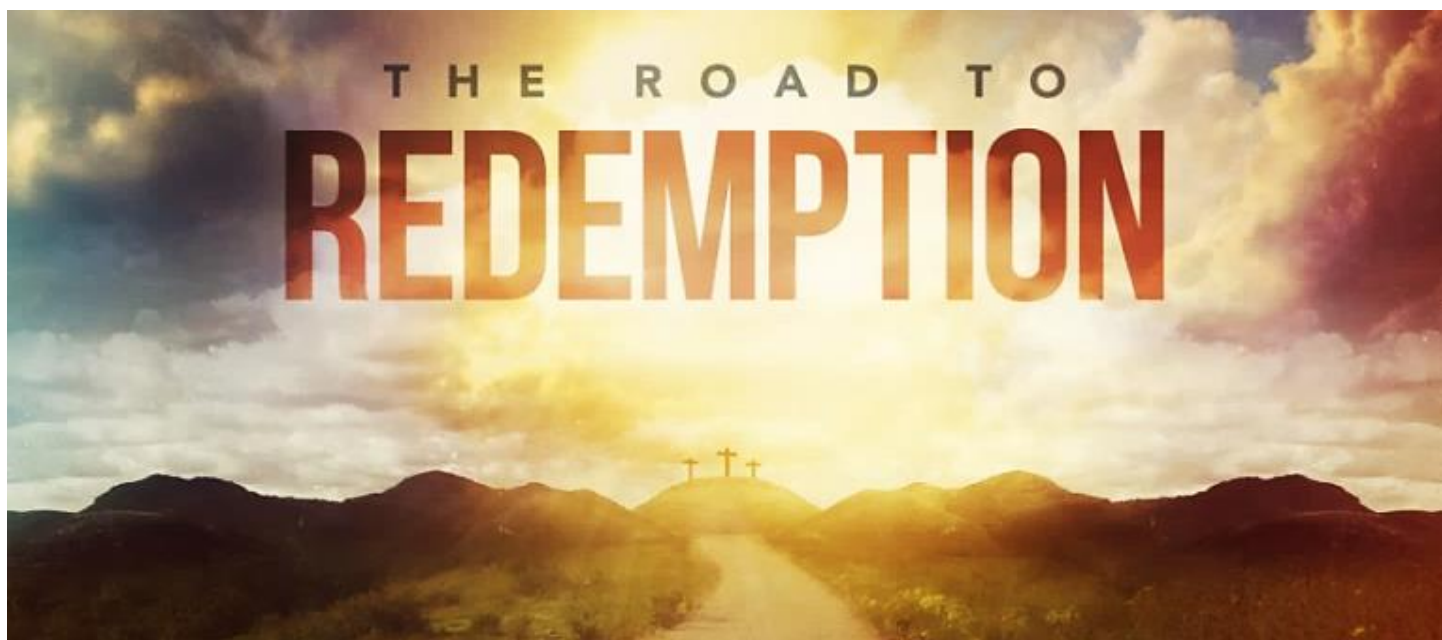
- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

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	Turn Around
February 25	Speedbumps
March 4	Staying on Course
March 11	Mission Sunday
March 18	Remember the Final Destination

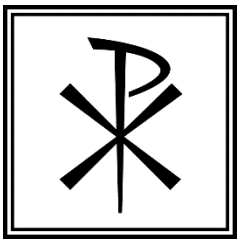
We all have a path in life. Robert Frost once penned these famous words, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Jesus took the path that no one else could, and it makes all the difference for us. He saved us from the wide, easy road 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, God shows how serious he is about keeping on his road. He gives his laws with the command to follow them perfectly. When we cannot, he provided the one who can. Through faith in Jesus we have the right course and the proper motivation to follow him on his road to our redemption.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

<i>Presiding & Preaching</i>	<i>Pastor Tom Moldenhauer</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Deb Selland</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Kurt Icenogle – Elder, Cole Gross – Leader, Evan Weiss, Zach Jensen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

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 suf-fered 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.

¹And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 69

L ⁸I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children;

C ⁹**for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.**

L ¹⁴Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;

Psalms have been used in worship since the Old Testament.

The Lord gives his faithful people the deliverance from sin and evil that we need.

C deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters.

L ¹⁶ Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

C ¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

L ²⁹ But as for me, afflicted and in pain— may your salvation, God, protect me.

C ³⁰ I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

L ³² The poor will see and be glad— you who seek God, may your hearts live!

C ³³ The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

L ³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them,

C ³⁵ for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The law destroys sinners. Jesus took our sins by meeting the requirements of the law for us. Through faith, the Spirit keeps us safe from sin and death.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-10

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Jesus has the passion and zeal it takes to say no to sin and to deliver us with his death and resurrection.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ | 401

SERMON

Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments Protect and Promote God’s Course

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.

A creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin “credo,” which means “I believe.” Together, we proclaim the triune God as Lord and Savior.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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 freed us from guilt and sin with his perfect obedience and innocent death. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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!



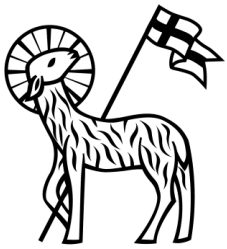
Recorded for us in Isaiah 6:4, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty," in the presence of the Triune God. The Church sings the same song in preparation for His Supper, faithfully confessing the Lord's true presence in the Sacrament.

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.



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

Agnus Dei

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:

HYMN **Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go** | 456

HYMN **God Loved the World so that He Gave** | 391

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.

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

Sunday NO CHOIR
Worship @ 9 am
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

MIDWEEK LENT

Suppers from 5:30-6:45 available for everyone.
Worship at 7pm.
Pastors Wolfe and Juergens will again be involved in our midweek rotation.



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

CATECHISM DURING LENT

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 host a couple of seminary men, please sign up at the bulletin board. Indicate if you have pets in case of allergies.

HOST REQUEST

Two students from our WELS college in New Ulm, MN, Martin Luther College, will be traveling through the Bismarck area from Canada and would appreciate a place to stay on March 9. If you have room, please talk to Pastor.

MISSION SUNDAY on MARCH 11

Pastor Phil Spaude serves in the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving for portions of the Minnesota district, the Dakota-Montana and Pacific Northwest districts. He specializes in informing God's people of WELS mission and ministry opportunities. He teaches, preaches and helps God's people make current gifts that can help fund the work of our synod right now to spread the gospel of Jesus worldwide. Pastor Spaude and his wife Sue are members of Good Shepherd, Burnsville, MN.

END OF LIFE SEMINAR

On Sunday, March 18, after worship, we will host an end-of-life planning seminar. All are welcome! The seminar will cover these two areas:

Planning your estate

Presenter: Scott Wagner, WELS Christian Giving Counselor

Planning your funeral

Presenter: Pastor Moldenhauer

YOUTH GROUP

14-18 aged students from Our Saviour's and Redeemer are invited to our next event on Sunday, March 11 at 2pm. We will be filling Easter eggs for our upcoming events. Meet here at Our Saviour's.

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 scheduled 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.

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

Jason Chmielewski – March 8

PRAYERS

We have a number of members going the physical illness right now. Please pray for the Lord to continue guiding them through his Word and protecting them with his almighty power. We also have a request from Katherine Moratz on behalf of her boyfriend's sister, Shasta Van Matre, who was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Pray that the Lord could use this to draw her and her family closer to the Savior and see how all things are in his gracious hands.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday – 9am

Maundy Thursday – 7pm Seminary Chorus Concert at Redeemer (*Potluck at 5:30pm*)

Good Friday – 8pm

Easter Sunday – 9am

