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Welcome to Worship

First Weekend of Lent

February 21 -22, 2026

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**.
The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

Prelude (5:00) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Day's Psalter
Cam Green, piano

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Day's Psalter © 2017 by Hal Leonard.

(9:00) *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Thomas Chesterton
Nicholas Davis, organ

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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering Words

On this first Sunday in Lent, we journey again toward the cross. We feel the weight of all that lies ahead. We wrestle with coming sorrow. We balance our growing needs.

God, we come here today braced for the hazards of this journey.
Instead, you pour out grace.
Instead, you anoint us with oil.
Instead, you fill our cups to overflowing.

We find beauty in dry places, abundance in want, and welcome in despair. You call us to the waters of life, and we respond, our longings now fulfilled.

Intention

Confession and Forgiveness

We know the pull of all that separates us from God. We long for the cleansing water poured out over us again. We seek anointing, the oil running its healing course. We feel this call to reconnect, so we confess our sins.

God, we have forgotten your call. We stay back, though the waters of baptism call us forward. We separate ourselves, though the bread and cup beckon us to community. We hide our wounds, though the oil of anointing waits at the ready.

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Yet God does not withhold any good gift from us. Like Naaman at the river, we are surprised at how easy it is to experience God's outpouring of grace. Like the woman at the well, we share living water and watch impenetrable barriers break. Like Mary at the feet of Jesus, we empty ourselves of all we have, only to be filled again. Beloved, you are

forgiven. Receive now, for yourself, the abundant grace that opens your soul to love.
May grace flow free through us once again!

(9:00) Children's Message

Gathering Song

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW #768

Refrain Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*
- 3 I am lost if you take you hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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Invocation

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

And also with you.

Kyrie (leader to sing through first, congregation joins second time)

ELW #154

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord. *repeat*

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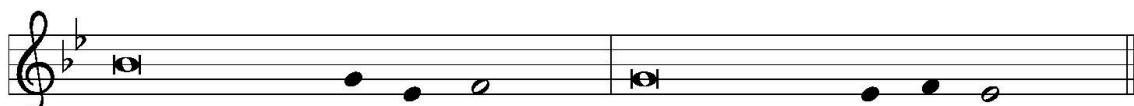
Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

First Reading (sung responsively)

Psalm 23



¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,**
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;**
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;**
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

- ⁸ “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
 I will guide you | with my eye.
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
 who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;**
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
 shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 205 - Lent

We are turning, Lord, to hear you;
 you are merciful and kind
 slow to anger, rich in blessing,
 and with love to us inclined.

The Holy Gospel

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message (5:00)

Pastor Elisabeth Lynn Himmelman

(9:00)

Pastor Brian Wise

Hymn of the Day

On Eagle's Wings

ELW #787

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
 under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. Refrain

4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
 upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand;
 and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

"On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas, b. 1957 © 1979 OCP
 Publications.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 the People

We continue to pray for Simon Gambit, Beth Ellis, Linda Sosnowski, Kathy Larson, and those we name silently in our hearts.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering	(5:00)	<i>My Song is Love Unknown</i> Cam Green, piano	John Ireland
	(9:00)	<i>A Lenten Prayer</i> Sanctuary Choir	Hal Hobson

"My Song is Love Unknown" John Ireland © 2011 Dorsey Brothers.

"A Lenten Prayer" by Hal Hobson © 2013 Birnamwood Publications.

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving** (sung responsively) hymnal p. 206

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sing *Holy, Holy, Holy* Nicholas Davis

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, God of might
Heaven and earth are filled with glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes
Hosanna in the highest

Words of Institution

In the churning depths of our lives, God still calls out the song of abundant grace, the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Music Meditation (5:00)	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> Cam Green, piano	arr. Bruce Greer
(9:00)	<i>Sail Away</i> Bach Ringers	arr. Kevin McChesny

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*Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

*Blessing

*Sending Song	<i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i>	ELW #624
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- 1 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.
- 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

"Jesus, Still Lead On" Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760;
tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt. Music: Adam Drese, 1620-1701.

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude (5:00)	<i>O How He Loves You and Me</i> Cam Green, piano	Kurt Kaiser
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"O How He Loves You and Me"
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(9:00)	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> Nicholas Davis, organ
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Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for *Simon Gambit, Beth Ellis, Linda Sosnowski, Kathy Larson, and those we name silently in our hearts.*

Pastoral Team	Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com Pastor Ben Sloss, pastorben@oursaviours.com Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman, pastorelisabeth@oursaviours.com
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Worship Service Opportunities

• Our Saviour's Campus,	Traditional Worship, Blended	Saturday, Sunday,	5:00 pm 11:00 am	Sunday, 9:00 am
• Celebration Campus,	Contemporary	Sunday,	10:00 am	

Ways to Give: Offering plate

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Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at www.oursaviours.com.

Upcoming special events & opportunities!

- **Surge Give & Grow Projects** - Sunday, Feb 22, in the Narthex and Celebration Lobby. After thoughtfully selecting a mission or charity to support, and planning their projects, these youth are ready to put their faith into action through hands-on fundraising for the causes they care deeply about: Edward's Pediatric Unit (8th grade) and Feed Our Starving Children (6th-7th grade). Come to their table and purchase some goodies.
- **Encounters with Jesus Bible Study** - Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., Luther Court. Everywhere he went, Jesus impacted the lives of a remarkably diverse range of people: from a socially outcast woman to a wealthy prince, a Gentile woman, leprous outcasts, and mourning travelers. Open Bible study of five of Jesus's encounters on the road and how each one impacts our lives.
- **Grace Poured Out - Wednesdays at The Well**, 6:30 p.m. Using "Grace Poured Out: A Lenten Reflection on Water, Wine, and Oil" by Young Clergy Women International. A Bible study and conversation on weekly themes of Gathering, Listening, Sharing, Serving, and Waiting. Men's group meets in the CYFM Lounge, Women's group meets in the Prayer Chapel. A second Women's small group will meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the CYFM Lounge (located near door 4, where the education hall meets the music hallway)
- **Lectio Divina** - Fridays on Zoom 8:30 a.m. - registration limited to 10. This is a traditional Christian meditative prayer practice of slow, prayerful reading and reflection on Scripture to foster a deeper communion with God.
- **Bright Stars of Bethlehem** - Friday, Feb. 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Music by Ronnie Malley and the Sumud Collective. Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb will deliver a presentation, "Rebuilding Hope After the Genocide: The Case for Dar al-Kalima University in Palestine." The Lilies of Gaza Exhibition will open in the Art Gallery. Light refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Caregivers Journey:** Friday, Feb. 27, 9-10:30 am. Our Saviour's Campus, Bonhoeffer Conference Room. A supportive group to share, learn, and renew—whether caring for a spouse, child, parent, or loved one. If interested, please contact Laura Weren(former Healthcare/Nursing Home Administrator), Barb Paccione (former Director of Nursing), or Lin Schollmeyer for more information. More info on our website.
- **Save the Date:** Feed the Need - Mobile Food Packing Event, March 7-8, at Benedictine University. Visit oursaviours.com/missions/feed-my-starving-children

Labyrinth: About the Campaign by Jeff Colainni

During this time of reflection and renewal, I'd like to share news of a new journey our church community is embarking on together.

With the support of senior leadership, the Memorial Committee, and the unwavering encouragement of my amazing wife and family, we have approval to install a labyrinth in the Memorial Garden at the Celebration Campus, lovingly dedicated in memory of my late immigrant father, Angelo.

For those unfamiliar, a labyrinth is a symbol that appears simple, yet carries profound depth. It is not a puzzle to be solved, but a path to be walked. Much like the Lenten journey, the labyrinth represents life itself—inviting inner reflection, self-discovery, transformation, trust, surrender, and ultimately, rebirth.

Join me at one of our services on February 21 or 22, where I will share more about this project and the final phase of fundraising needed.

To donate to the labyrinth, please scan this QR Code.

LIFE TOGETHER:

Spiritual Practices That Shape Us



Weekly Lenten Opportunities at Our Saviour's Campus

Visit: <https://oursaviours.com/home/lent-easter>

Midweek Lenten Worship - Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Midweek Lenten Supper - Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Center

Encounters with Jesus Bible Study - Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Luther Court

Grace Poured Out - Men's small group & Women's small group - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Poured Out - Women's small group - Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. CYFM Lounge

Lectio Divina - Fridays on Zoom 8:30 a.m. - registration limited to 10

Friday Lenten Music Series (OS Campus Sanctuary)

- Friday, Feb 27, 6:30 p.m. - Ronnie Malley and the Sumud Collective
- Friday, Mar 6, 12:00 noon - Nicholas Davis, organ and piano
- Friday, Mar 13, 12:00 noon - Woodwind Ensemble
- Saturday, Mar 21, 1:00 p.m. - Augustana Band Concert

Acts of Service

- Canned Protein Drive for Loaves & Fishes (each week of Lent)
- Feed the Need (March 7-8, Benedictine University)
- Serve as a volunteer in Holy Week and/or Easter Worship Services

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