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## Welcome to Worship

### Fourth Weekend of Lent

March 14 - 15, 2026, 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.

#### 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)** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. David McKeown  
Jazz Ensemble

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Arranged by David McKeown ©  
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**(9:00)** *Amazing Grace* arr. Diane Bish  
Nicholas Davis, organ

"Amazing Grace" Arranged by Diane Bish © 1980 Fred Bock Music.

#### Welcome

#### Gathering Words

**P:** *On this fourth 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.*

**C:** **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

**P:** *Jesus will stand with a man born blind. He has chosen his path. As we join Jesus, God prepares us to receive abundance, grace poured out, even before we know our need, even before we ask.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** *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.*

**C:** **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.**

**P:** *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!*

## Children's Message

### Gathering Song

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Clara H. Scott

Clara H. Scott (1841–1897) was an American hymn writer and composer, born in what is now Elk Grove, Illinois. She made history as the first woman to publish a volume of anthems, an important milestone in 19th-century church music. Scott is best known for her hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See," written in 1895, which remains widely sung today for its devotional clarity and strong musical craftsmanship.

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou has for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free.

*Refrain* Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. *Refrain*

- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. *Refrain*

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" Clara H. Scott, 1895

### Invocation

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.**

### Kyrie (sung twice)

ELW #154

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

Music: Mass No. 1. Avon Gillespie © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

### Prayer of the Day

P: *The Lord be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

*Advocating God, you are never far from those who need your attention. You turn our faces to injustice and invite us to look again, seeing the assumptions that stand in the way of abundance. When we are lost in our mourning, anoint us with the oil of joy. When guilt presses hard, give us a garment of praise. Amen.*

## THE WORD

In the season of Lent, we will be chanting our first reading from the book of Psalms. We will chant responsively by whole verse. The Kyrie singer will lead us as we sing and pray together.

### First Reading (sung responsively) Psalm 95



- L: <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing | to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- C: <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**
- L: <sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- C: <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

- L: <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.**
- L: <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's  
hand. Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
- C: <sup>8</sup> "Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**
- L: <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
- C: <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**
- L: <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'"

### 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

P: The gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 4:5-42

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message** (5:00)

Pastor Ben Sloss

(9:00)

Pastor Brian Wise

### Hymn of the Day

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

ELW #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Text: John Newton,  
1725-1807, sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony 1835; arr, Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

### Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

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

**C: 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

### Sharing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering (5:00)

*Psalm 23*  
Women's Chorale

arr. Rollo Dilworth

"Psalm 23" Arranged by Rollo Dilworth © 2023 Hal Leonard.

(9:00)

*Shepherd Me, O God*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

"Shepherd Me, O God" Arranged by Mark Hayes © 2013 GIA 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

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: *God, we trace the signs of your grace from the churning purples and blues of the watery chaos, calmed by your call to creation. You called us and our ancestors to work alongside you, your goodness springing up from the earth, water bringing new life again.*

*Water has remained, a witness to your faithfulness, calling John and Jesus to the waters of baptism, reaching across the years to an Ethiopian stranger, delighted to dive into the belonging you offer.*

*Water and oil accompanied your prophets as they proclaimed your work in the world. Anointed by oil, Jesus guided his disciples to notice the unexpected and the disregarded, even as the time came for his last supper: a man carrying water, a man doing women's work, would guide them to the place where they would share one more meal.*

## Words of Institution

*P: On the night in which he was handed over, Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*When the meal had ended, and Jesus' path approached its final turn, he took the cup, blessed it, and invited everyone to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Jesus, we do remember you. In the churning depths of our lives, God still calls out the song of abundant grace, the mystery of our faith:*

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*P: Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup, Christ's body and blood, the gift of new and abundant life, the sign of grace poured out. Send your Spirit upon us and make us be your body, too, poured out into a world ready for your grace.*

*All glory, power, and honor are yours, God of all abundance that is and will be, today and every day. Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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)**      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*      arr. Mark Hayes  
Nicholas Davis, piano

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Arranged by Mark Hayes ©  
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**Communion Hymn (9:00)**      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*      ELW #324

- 1    In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2    When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3    When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
- 4    Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867.

## Prayer after Communion (read responsively)

*Let us pray.*

**O Jesus, you have shared a feast more gracious than we could ever ask,  
the outpouring of your own self with us.  
Send us out into the world to be channels of your goodness and grace,  
anointing this world with the new life you have given us.  
Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Blessing

### Sending Song

(5:00)

*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*

"Lead Me, Guide Me" Doris Akers © 1953 Doris Akers, admin.  
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(9:00)

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW #452

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.
- 3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

"Awake O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Text: F. Bland Tucker,  
1895-1984 Music: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829. Text © 1980 Augsburg Publishing House.

### Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. We will!**

**Postlude** (5:00)

*He's Got the Whole World*  
Jazz Ensemble

arr. David McKeown

"He's Got the Whole World" Arranged by David McKeown © 2021  
David McKeown.

(9:00)

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*  
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Diane Bish

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Arranged by Diane Bish © 1980  
Fred Bock Music.

Thank you to ensemble musicians Brian Van Kley, Kevin Carroll, Shelley May Hutchison, the Women's Chorale, the Sanctuary Choir, and all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

### This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Ward Pynn and those we name silently in our hearts.  
Comfort the family of Phyllis Van Beek as they mourn the death of her husband, John.  
We rejoice with Kathy and Glenn Wishnew on the birth of their grandson, Luke Timothy Wishnew.

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### Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am  
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am
- **Midweek Lenten Worship** at Our Saviour's Campus, Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm  
Evening service is followed by dinner in the Fellowship Center

**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](http://www.oursaviours.com), email [membership@oursaviours.com](mailto: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](http://www.oursaviours.com).

## Upcoming special events & opportunities!

- **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, leprosy 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.
- **Community Sing-In:** Join us, *Sunday, March 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m.*, to sing for dignity, safety, and collective care. This is a welcoming space for reflection, joy, and peaceful resistance. No experience needed. All music is taught in the moment. *If you can hum, you can come!* Community matters! Invite a neighbor, invite a friend...come and sing! Email [singingresistancechi\\_westburbs@proton.me](mailto:singingresistancechi_westburbs@proton.me) for more information.
- **First Communion Class:** Calling all 2nd and 3rd graders! First communion class will be held on *Thursday, March 19, from 4 - 6 p.m.* at Celebration. Students will participate in activities related to communion from 4 - 5 p.m., and class with parents will be from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. *First Communion* will take place during the Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm on April 2, or on the Sunday after Easter.
- **Women's Ministry, Make a Garden Stepping Stone:** *Friday, March 20, 7 - 9 p.m.*, Celebration Campus. Fee \$20. Limited to 20 participants. Contact: Susan Szymanski [Swan716@comcast.net](mailto:Swan716@comcast.net)
- **Augustana Symphonic Band concert**, Saturday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come hear the students of Augustana College, conducted by Dr. James Lambrecht.
- **Easter Lilies:** Help us adorn our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies. Each plant is \$25 and can be dedicated in memory of a lost loved one or in honor of someone special. Paper forms are available

at the welcome desk at both buildings or through the link on our website. Orders must be placed by March 25, 2026.

- **Easter Pies for Mozambique:** Cost is \$30, Coconut cream with meringue, Apple, Cherry Triple Berry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Lemon Meringue, Key Lime. Order on the Mozambique Mission page of the website. Pick up is on Saturday, April 4, at Celebration from 10-11 a.m. All pies available in gluten-free.
- **Children, Youth & Family Ministries presents: ‘Cape’-able for Christ: Heroic Acts that Empower Variety Show,** Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Celebration Campus. Head to the website for more information, tickets, and/or to sign up your act!
- **VBS - JUST LIKE ME:** An inclusive, 5-day experience for pre-K through 5th grade! Will take place *June 22-26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.* VBS Sunday during the 10 a.m. service on June 28. Picnic lunch and games to follow! Register to volunteer and/or participate on the website's News & Events Page.



Help us adorn our sanctuary with the beauty of and can be dedicated in memory of a lost loved special. Paper forms are available at the or through the link on our website. Orders must



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### 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., Bonhoeffer Conference Room

**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.

**Lenten Music Series** (OS Campus Sanctuary)

- Saturday, Mar 21, 1:00 p.m. - Augustana Band Concert

#### Acts of Service

- Canned Protein Drive for Loaves & Fishes (each week of Lent)
- Serve as a volunteer in Holy Week and/or Easter Worship services (scan QR for more information about volunteering.)



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### Celebration Labyrinth Campaign

Thank you to all who have given to support this project; we are grateful. An update on our progress:

Total cost of labyrinth: \$24,000

Amount raised to date: \$21,219

Amount remaining to raise: \$2,781



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