

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – March 1, 2026
WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sedalia, Missouri

“ NO ONE
can see the
kingdom of God
without being
born from above. ”



John 3:3, NRSV

MISSION STATEMENT: *"See Christ Through Us"*

Our Savior Lutheran Church members, through Christ, preach, teach, listen, learn, and live so the world sees Christ through us.

DEAR VISITOR: How? Many people enjoy taking things apart to see how they work, testing systems to understand how they run. It might be understanding an engine, a computer program, or a recipe, but we are interested in the actions and reactions that make things possible. Today, we look at how salvation works. How is it that God gives you eternal life? From the days of Abraham, the days of Nicodemus and Paul, and today, salvation works exactly as God designed it: it depends on faith. Faith in Christ is credited as righteousness to the one who believes. **If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation, you are welcome to participate in the hymns during Holy Communion.**

ENTRANCE PRAYER: *Almighty God, You have created all things to work together for our good. Strengthen our faith, and do not let us be deceived and led astray from Your promises. Amen.*

AS WE GATHER: “The Jews who had been bitten by the fiery serpents in the wilderness had to close their eyes, blind their reason, look at the brazen serpent on the pole, and cling to the word which God had spoken...So we, too, must close our eyes, take captive our reason, look at Christ on the cross, and believe the word: *He who believes in Me shall not perish but have eternal life.*” – Martin Luther

Order of Service – Divine Service, Setting Three (pages 184-202)

Organ Prelude, Chimes and Pre-Service Announcements

Stand The Opening Hymn: “God Loved the World” LSB #571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

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The Invocation:[Page 184]

[P]: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin [Pages 184-185, 1st Column]

***[P]: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord***

[C]: who made heaven and earth.

[P]: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

[C]: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[P]: O almighty God, merciful Father,

***[C]: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities
with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal
and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely
repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the
sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful
being.***

[P]: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained

servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

Sit The Introit: (*Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: Psalm 105:8*)

[P]: *He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.*

[C]: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

[P]: *Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

[C]: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

[P]: *He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.*

[C]: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[P]: *He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.*

The Kyrie **[page 186]**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis **[omitted during Lent]**

As the Church contemplates the pain and suffering that sin causes for us and for our Lord, we remove the songs of praise (Gloria in Excelsis/This is the Feast, Alleluia Verse, Post-Communion Canticle) until we praise our Lord for his resurrection.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day **[page 189]**

[P]: *The Lord be with you.*

[C]: And also with you.

[P]: *Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy*

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: (2nd Sunday in Lent)..... Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

[P]: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

[C]: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (*Hebrews 12:2*)

**[C]: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the
shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The Epistle..... Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

[P]: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

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

Stand The Alleluia: (John 3:16)

[C]: **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

[P]: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.*



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have

seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

[P]: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

[C]: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed.....[page 191]

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit The Sermon Hymn: "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" LSB #579

**1 Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

- 2 We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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The Sermon: "Orderly Conduct" Exodus 20:1-17

Stand The Offertory [pages 192-193]

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit The Offering and Hymn: "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"..... **LSB #936**

- 1 Sing praise to the God of Israel! Sing praise for His visitation!
 Redeeming His people from their sin, Accomplishing their salvation,
 Upraising a mighty horn within The house of His servant David!**
- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago, His promise on oath recalling—
 To Abraham made in former years: Of vanquishing foes appalling,
 That those He delivered from their fears
 Might gladly and truly serve Him.**
- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord As prophet, His way preparing;
 To speak on behalf of God Most High, His counsel of truth declaring:
 Rich mercy and grace for all whereby Iniquity is forgiven.**
- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us In need of illumination;
 Come scatter the shades of sin and death And shatter their domination.
 Be guiding our footsteps on the path Of peace, in Your presence dawning!**

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The Prayer of the Church

Stand The Preface **[page 194]**

[P]: *The Lord be with you.*

☐ And with thy spir - it.

[P]: *Lift up your hearts.*

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

[P]: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



C It is meet and right so to do.

[P]: *It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

The Sanctus.....[page 195]



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer.....[page 196]

[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 Words of Institution[page 197]

[P]: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini[page 197]

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



The Distribution Hymns

“What Wondrous Love Is This” LSB #543

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.**

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“Jesus, Lead Thou On” LSB #718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**
- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe 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, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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- 1 **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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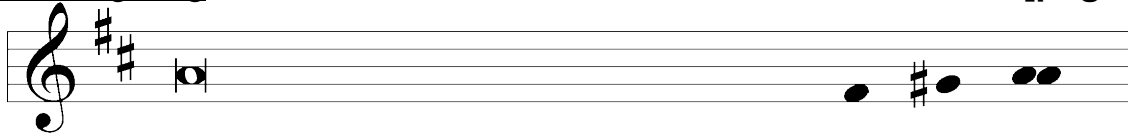
Stand The Nunc Dimittis [pages 199-200]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

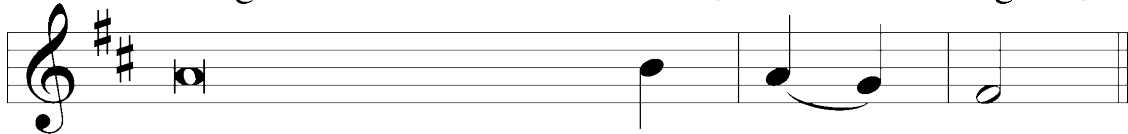


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving.....[pages 200-201]



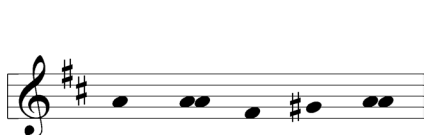
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

[P]: *We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

The Salutation and Benedicamus.....[pages 201-202]



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction.....[page 202]

[P]: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you (+) and give you peace.*



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Silent prayer, Extra Announcements and Postlude Music

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+ WELCOME +

We welcome all who worship with us this day. We are glad that you have come and we pledge to you to proclaim the Word of God. Please sign and date our record of fellowship pad found in each pew. If you are a visitor, we ask that you include your mailing address, the church you attend, and any box that applies. Members, please let us know of any change of address or contact information, especially if you have discontinued your land-lines. After the Service, you are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments. Then, please stay for our Bible Classes and Sunday School for 3-year-olds on up.