

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – March 8, 2026
WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sedalia, Missouri



John 4:42, 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.

WELCOME: Is the Lord among us or not? The Israelites wonder if he is because things aren't easy. They're thirsty, and their short-term problems breed resentment. When life isn't as pretty as we pictured it would be, it's easy to be frustrated. Instead of complaining, the people should have called on the Lord. God provides for his people then and now in the midst of suffering, providing everything that we need to sustain our lives. The Lord is always among us with his grace and mercy.

ENTRANCE PRAYER: *"Praise the One who brings cool waters to the desert's burning sand; from this Well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land. Amen. (LSB#849:2)"*

AS WE GATHER: "In times of trial we should learn to judge, not by our feeling but by the Word of God. This Word promises that every trial is only the eventide upon which the morning of comfort follows. But our flesh does the opposite and, disregarding the Word, directs its attention only to the present feeling of affliction and judges by that feeling. Therefore it cannot conceive of the end of the trial in its heart." – Martin Luther

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

Organ Prelude, Chimes and Pre-Service Announcements

Stand The Opening Hymn: “We Sing the Praise” **LSB #429**

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner’s hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.**
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, “God is love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.**
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev’ry bitter cup.**
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;**
- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner’s refuge here below, The angels’ theme in heav’n above.**
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.**

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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]: *Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[C]: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your

grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[P]: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

[C]: Amen.

Sit The Introit: (*Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: Psalm 84:5*)

[P]: *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

[C]: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

[P]: *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

[C]: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

[P]: *Blessèd are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!*

[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]: *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: (Third Sunday in Lent) Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

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

The Gradual: (*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*)

[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 Roman 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

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

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

The Apostles' Creed.....[page 192]

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit The Children's Sermon

The Sermon Hymn: "In Adam We Have All Been One" **LSB #569**

- 1 In Adam we have all been one, One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice That sought us as we ran.**
- 2 We fled Thee, and in losing Thee We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.**
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice And, hearing Him, be one.**
- 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind, O hear us when we call.**
- 5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, To make us one in Thee.**

**Δ6 Then shall our song united rise To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore And Spirit Thou art one.**

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The Sermon: “It’s Not a Question of Where” John 4:5-26

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: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” **LSB #761**

- 1 **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**
- 2 **Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**
- 3 **Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 **While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.** Public domain

The Prayer of the Church and 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.

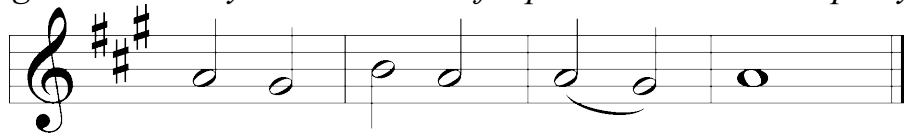
The Collect for the Word

[P]: *Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

[C]: Amen.

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.*



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn: "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" **LSB #824**

- 1** May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
- 2** Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- 3** O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!" Public domain

Silent prayer, Extra Announcements and Postlude Music

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