



April 5-6, 2025  
Lent 5

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's  
abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you  
grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you  
have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again  
in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

**#522**



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

**\*GREETING**

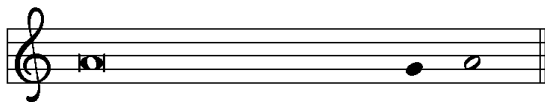
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

page 147 (in front of the hymnal)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



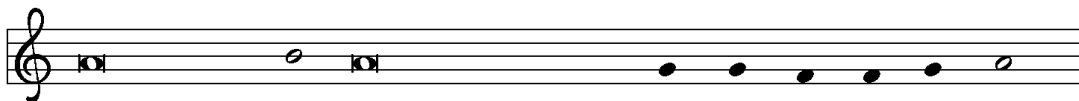
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

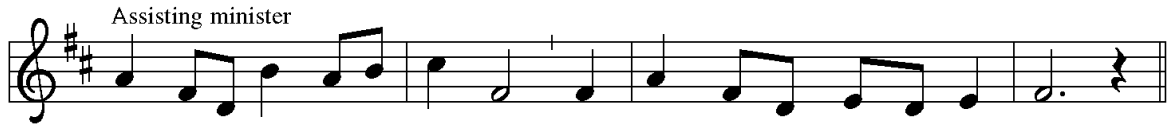
Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL**

John 12:1-8

The Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples the one who was about to betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

"Faith Begins By Letting Go"

ACS 1004



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ry's roots a - live  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.



## **\*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 to the dead. 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**

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. Accompany those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Kathy and Errol. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The servants of the Lord declare your praise, O God. Make them faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Chloe as she seeks to grow in her discipleship, and guide her family that together they may reflect your love and grace. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

### **MISSION MOMENT**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

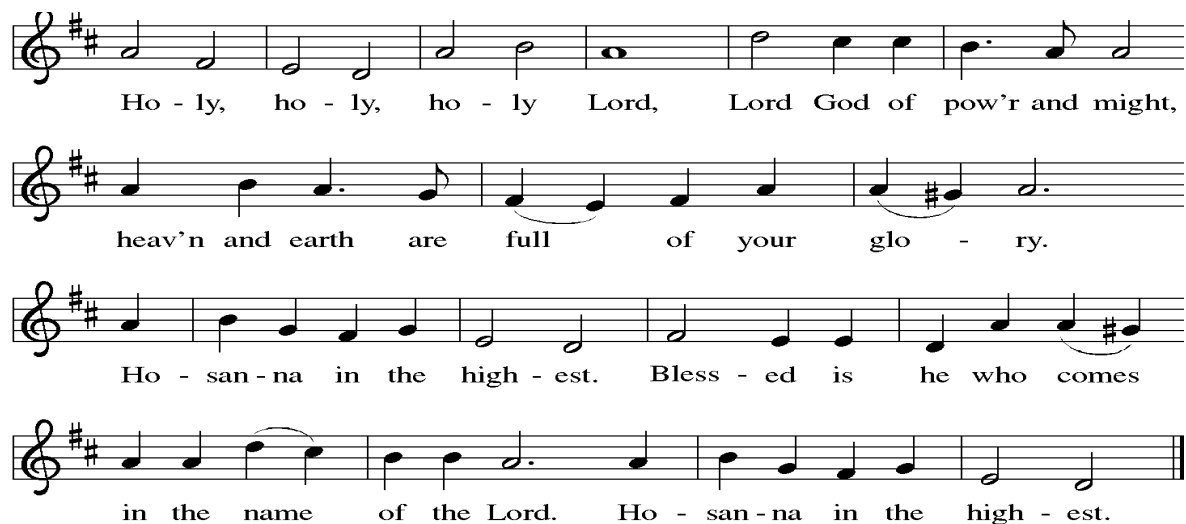
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** page 112 (in front of hymnal)

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.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**AGNUS DEI** "Lamb of God"

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 peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Take My Life, That I May Be" #685  
"Nothing Can Trouble" ACS 1033

*Na - da te tur - be, na - da te\_es - pan - te.*  
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

*Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,*  
 Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

*na - da te\_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.*  
 noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"God's Work, Our Hands"**

#ACS 1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Laurie Noelke, Handbell Choir Director/Assistant Worship Musician  
Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant Ariel Wuensch  
Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski  
Welcoming Team Jim & Marjorie Anderson

**8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Paige Christianson  
Communion Assistant Jim Quamme  
Welcoming Team Hickey/Sloan Family

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Assistant Chloe Drury  
Communion Assistant Bonny Goodenough  
Welcoming Team Jeff & Melissa Haldeman

Home Communion Judy Gilbert  
Altar Guild for April Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Kathy Brisson and Errol Kindschy. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**CONFIRMATION**

**Wednesday, April 9**  
**Lenten Worship – 6:15 pm**  
7 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Elective  
7 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Class



## **Hungry Jar Offering for April – Feed Our Children – Summer Lunch Program**

It's hard to believe, but we are already thinking ahead to summer and getting ready to serve lunch to the children in the community. Our April Hungry Jar offerings will help support this ministry to feed the children nutritious meals.

Last year (with lots of community help and support), we served over 2,500 lunches, plus occasional breakfasts. Lunches were provided twice a week, many going to the Boys & Girls Club, others picked up, and yet others delivered to their homes.

Watch for more information as it gets closer to see how you, too, can be a part of this important ministry by sharing of your time and resources to help prepare and serve the lunches, and provide specific items that will be included in the meals.

### **SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.



Coffee & Conversation  
at Linda's Bakery  
9:30 AM on Tuesday, April 8

## **Norwegian Dinner 2025 Meeting Sunday, April 13**

At 9:15 next Sunday there will be a short meeting in the library to discuss the continuation of The Norwegian Dinner. We are looking to find a way forward to organize this event in the coming years. Please feel free to share your ideas with us. We want this tradition to continue to bless this congregation and all in our community that benefit from the proceeds. If you have any questions or comments you can call Jon Hetland at 608-780-4125.



## Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesday, April 9

6:15 PM

Holden Evening Prayer

*Break the norms of Lent with God's gift of humor...  
sights and sounds ... and a take-home reminder.*

**All in the shadow  
of the cross!**



We will have a simple meal, along with dessert, prior to the service each week on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, April 9.



## Holy Week Worship Easter Worship

### **Palm Sunday – April 13**

Saturday/6 PM & Sunday/8 + 10:30 AM

Holy Communion worship

*Hearing the story of passion, sacrifice, and death ...*

### **Maundy Thursday – April 17**

***Livestream – use link on homepage***

7 PM Holy Communion with the

*Stripping of the Altar as all is barren ...*

### **Good Friday – April 18**

1:30 PM Service of the Word

*Pondering the Seven Last Words ...*

8 PM Service of Tenebrae

***Livestream – use link on homepage***

*The story ... as light descends into darkness ...*



## **Easter Sunday**

Festive Celebration of Holy Communion  
6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM  
(NO Saturday worship)

Easter breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM

*Surprise! New life in absolute abundance!*



*Come and join us...*

### **Easter Breakfast!**

7:30-8:30 AM

Coffee & Juice

Sausages + Fruit

Sweet rolls

A light breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and give thanks to God for the many gifts of life, including a simple meal, gathered together! Donation baskets to cover the expenses will be on each table.



### **Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 13**

The Mom's Group will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13 during Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to join their children at 10 AM.

**EASTER GARDEN** – forms are due in the office by April 7.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP** - Scholarship applications are due Monday, May 5, to the office or to Pastor Jon. Scholarships awarded will be announced to the congregation at graduate recognition on Sunday, May 18.



## **SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP - 2025** **“God’s Word Comes Near”**

It’s getting closer ... Summer Bible Camp! To find out more information about the summer schedule, check out their website at: <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

### **OUR SAVIOR’S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

\$400 full week -- \$175 half week  
Request forms due in the church office  
**NO LATER than Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Remember that camperships will be given to the campers in worship on May 10-11 and it is the responsibility of the family to get the checks to camp.

**Check out our new social media pages and keep up on what’s going on, including livestreaming of worship ...**



Facebook Page - Our Savior’s ELCA – West Salem

Instagram Page – oursaviors\_ws

YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) - [youtube.com/@techoslca](https://youtube.com/@techoslca)

Check out the April newsletter [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.