

# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

... he **humbled** himself  
and became **obedient**  
to the point of **death** —  
even **death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV



**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 16, 2025 @ 8:30 am & Livestreamed**

**INVOCATION**      In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **Amen**

**OPENING HYMN**      **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**      **Hymn #107**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat And burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain or loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Heavenly Father, we long for the changing of the seasons, we know that new life is coming and that you will bring winter to an end.

**But, when God promises to bring us new life and to bring our sinful self to an end, we go kicking and screaming.**

Jesus Christ, you gather us, your rebellious children under your wings and you call us your own.

**In Christ our sinful self has been crucified and we have been given a new life in Him.**

Holy Spirit, you keep us in the one, true faith and we remain in Jesus Christ.

**Make us faithful examples for the sake of others as we live in the safety and security of our loving savior.**

*Heavenly Father, You have promised a resurrection, a life after death. Yet, we spend so much of our time trying to come up with life transformation on our own. Forgive us and speak resurrection life into*

us again. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you, who do truly repent, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### **GREETING**

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.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Heavenly Father, at times we think we know exactly how you would act and respond. We're frustrated when you don't meet our expectations. Have mercy on us and help us to understand your will for our lives for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### **PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### **THE WORD**

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<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>Jeremiah 26:8-15</b>	<b>OT p. 715</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")</i>		

<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>Philippians 3:17-4:1</b>	<b>NT p. 1034</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")</i>		

<b>Special Music</b>	<b>"The Holy City"</b>	<b>Shayla Menter, Piano Katherine Altreuter, Violin</b>
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<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>p. 63</b>
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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

<b>GOSPEL</b>	<b>Luke 13:31-35</b>	<b>NT p. 938</b>
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord!")</i>		
<i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")</i>		

<b>SERMON</b>	<b>"Going Through It"</b>	<b>Pastor Dan Doran</b>
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#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"</b>	<b>Hymn #346</b>
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Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,  
often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
yet, upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,  
though we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest,  
only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you!  
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew,  
till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,  
graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified!

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.**

**He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

#### **Words of Institution**

##### **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

#### **Communion Distribution**

#### **Blessing and Prayer**

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### **SENDING**

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#### **SENDING HYMN**

#### **"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"**

**Hymn #504**

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load;  
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains  
clean in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem;  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases, He all my sorrow shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.  
I love the Name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
like fragrance on the breezes His Name abroad is poured.

#### **Benediction/Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 4

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.  
Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> How long will you people turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods <sup>[b]</sup>? <sup>[c]</sup>
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- <sup>4</sup> Tremble and <sup>[d]</sup> do not sin; when you are on your beds,  
search your hearts and be silent.
- <sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”  
Let the light of your face shine on us.
- <sup>7</sup> Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Saturday Keyboardist:**  
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### **WORSHIP**

**Sat 5:00 pm, Radio Broadcast FM 107.1**

**Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Livestream**

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**Kathy Jaenke, Office Manager, Kristina Johnson, Children's Choir Director**  
**Keith Muchow, Videography, Ken Gorr, Audio**