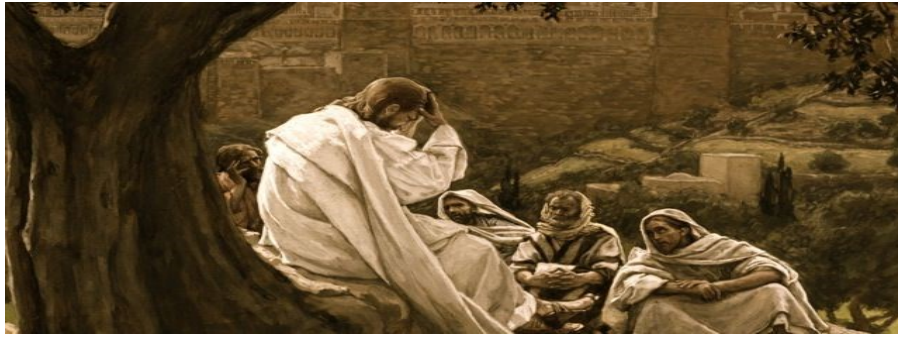


# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 23, 2025 @ 8:30 am, Livestreamed**

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

**OPENING HYMN**      **“Rise, Shine, You People!”**      **Hymn #393**

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, “Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)  
**“Your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are Your ways our ways” (Isaiah 55:8)**

Lord Jesus, You give us the strength to stand when we are tested,  
**Forgive us when we try to stand against temptation on our own.**

Holy Spirit, remind us that God is faithful at all times.  
**You intervene for us and nurture our faith that we may bear good fruit that we may delight in Your will.**

Almighty God, You have called us to seek and call upon You, that we might know Your forgiveness.  
You are always faithful, yet we have sinned. Through faith in Jesus Christ Your sins are forgiven. As  
a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you  
who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, 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>Isaiah 55:1-9</b>	<b>OT p. 671</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")</i>		
<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</b>	<b>NT p. 1034</b>
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")</i>		

**Special Music** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Katherine Altreuter, Guitar  
Nick Seeger, Slide Guitar

**Gospel Acclamation:** p. 63

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 13:1-9</b>	<b>NT p. 952</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>		

**SERMON** "Now That's Liv'n" **Pastor David Irgens**

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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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**Hymn of the Day** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **Hymn #499**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love  
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

## **Psalm 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

<sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

<sup>6</sup> On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

<sup>7</sup> Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

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**Sunday Keyboardist:**

**Shayla Menter**

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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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**Katherine Altreuter, Music Director, Chloe Sawall, Education Director/Choir Director**

**Kathy Jaenke, Office Manager, Kristina Johnson, Children's Choir Director**

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