

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Welcome Visitors!

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. The word "communion" means "union with" and it is an appropriate name since in the Lord's Supper we celebrate the union which exists between:

- 1) Ourselves and Jesus Christ,
- 2) Each other through our unity of faith,
- 3) The bread and the body of Christ, and
- 4) The wine and the blood of Christ.

To receive this Sacrament in a worthy manner, it is necessary that a person believe:

- 1) That he is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness,
- 2) That forgiveness is given to us through the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and
- 3) That the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Sacrament.

If you truly believe this but have never received the Sacrament at this church, please speak to the pastor before coming to the altar.

Also, to help ensure that you commune in what Scripture calls a "worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27), meaning in a manner consistent with Jesus' institution, and not to your harm, please prayerfully read through the "Christian Questions and Answers" for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, found on pages 329-330 in "Lutheran Service Book". This is the basis of our preparation of youth to receive the Lord's Supper, and it is always a most appropriate way for us to renew our knowledge of the Sacrament and to rekindle the devotion and piety of repentance and faith as we come to the Lord's Table.

White grape juice is available in the rose-colored cups, located in the center of each tray, for those who do not wish to consume alcohol.



# ✠ First Sunday in Lent ✠

## ✠ Divine Service Setting Four ✠

### Opening Hymn

“The Lamb”  
LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lies God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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*Please stand*

## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 14*

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.
- <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.
- <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

James 1:12–18

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

<sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Nicene Creed

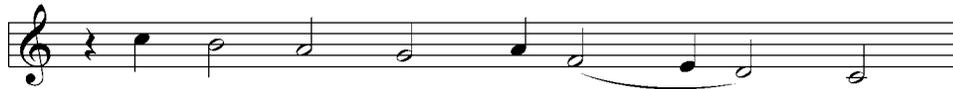
**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



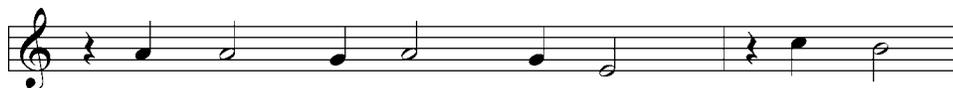
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main eth.

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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Heavenly Father, as we enter this Lenten season of repentance and renewed devotion, we pray that You would remember us according to Your steadfast love and goodness in Christ and instruct and lead us by Your Spirit in Your ways so that we may repent and believe the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer...**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**Offering**

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life. During this time the offering basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.*

# ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**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 Our Lord

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymns

### “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

LSB 631



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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*Please stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

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 in 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Depart

## “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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### **Serving Today**

**February 21, 2021**

Pastor Doug Minton

Head Usher: Josh Seyfert

Elder: Jon Goldenstein

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Sound Board: Chris Catron

Acolyte: Sydney Kestler-Seyfert

Radio Monitor: Barb Teig and William Teig

Greeters: Jim and Linda Buhrmester

Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake, Kendra Morts and Sheila Selk

### **Serving Next Sunday**

**February 28, 2021**

Pastor Doug Minton

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Organist at 11a: Theta Lee

Sound Board: Dave Lucht

Acolyte: Lauren Janssen

Radio Monitor: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm

Greeters: Matthew and Jessica Lange

Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake, Kendra Morts and Sheila Selk

### **Weekly Offering Statistics**

**February 14, 2021**

Attendance: 89

### **This Week at a Glance**

- Today:** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (masks required)  
10:15-10:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class (masks recommended)  
11:00 am Worship Holy Communion (masks optional)
- Monday:** 6:30 pm Choir Practice in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday:** 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service
- Next Sunday:** 9:00 am Worship (masks required)  
10:15-10:45 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class (masks recommended)  
11:00 am Worship (masks optional)

# Announcements

February 21, 2021

## Thank You!

Renee, Gabe, Anna and I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make our transition into Milford start so smoothly. We can't name everyone, but we'd like to thank all those who physically helped us move in, delivered meals, and sent notes and cards to welcome us. We'd also like to thank everyone who made the installation service flow so smoothly and for the wonderful reception after the service. We are looking forward to more opportunities for fellowship together in the future.

## Wrestling with Theology Podcast

WRESTLING WITH THEOLOGY is Pastor's podcast which covers topics in theology and pro wrestling. Once a month, I do a study of the Lutheran Confessions and a study of the Psalms. This week's episode will be one of my fantasy wrestling league, Pro Wrestling America. There are also daily videos on the podcast's Facebook page where I am going through the prophet Hosea. Other opportunities will also be available in the future, once I get settled into a rhythm. It can be found on every major podcast provider. A link will be coming shortly to Our Savior's web page as well.

## Thank you!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Jan Lavicka for instructing the youth of our congregation in the Rite of Confirmation for the last year and a half while we were without a pastor. OSLC Elders

## MidWeek Lenten Services

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm (February 4, March 3, 10, 17, and 24) for our midweek services, "Restore the Roar" as we listen to the prophet Amos. (*Rescued from Rubble, Amos 1:1-12 and The Fours R's of Election, Amos 3:1-8*).

## Ladies Bible Study

Ladies bible class at Olivia's has been cancelled this Tuesday evening. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Harms.

## Men's Bible Breakfast To Return!

We are excited to announce that after almost a year, the men of Our Savior will return for our monthly Men's Bible Breakfast! We will return on Saturday, February 27 at 8:00a in the basement of the church for breakfast, fellowship, and a specific study of God's word. We will restart the study where we abruptly had to halt due to the pandemic which was "Explaining All The Scary Stuff In Revelation." All men, young and young at heart are more than welcome to attend. Masks are optional and we will practice social distancing. Please, contact Brian Neukomm with any questions. We hope you can come!

## Are you missing something?

We have a lost and found tub located on top of the coat rack in the kitchen, marked "Lost and Found". If you are looking for those red glasses or that stocking hat that was left in your pew, please check in the Lost and Found box. Any questions, please see Theta or Kendra.

## Focus on the Family

There are still a few spots available if you and your family would like to sponsor one or more of the Focus on the Family monthly inserts. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The cost is \$24, please indicate on your envelope or check "Focus on the Family". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra.

## Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at [oursaviormilford.com](http://oursaviormilford.com), click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com).

## Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com).

## Lutherans for Life Quote

“God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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# Prayer List

*February 23 – February 27*

## Those celebrating a birthday:

Linda Buhrmester	Tuesday
Keith Catron	Tuesday
Bonita Hines	Tuesday
Ruth Harms	Tuesday
Larry Tobeck	Wednesday
Julie Towers	Wednesday
Mary Bushong	Friday

## All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

## Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines  
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey  
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens  
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals  
Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community  
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith  
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes  
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm  
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms  
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson  
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles  
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner  
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner  
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens  
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro  
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith  
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach  
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef  
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith  
Fred Wright – brother of Marvin Wright

## Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns  
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns  
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns  
Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns  
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles  
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns

Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns  
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues  
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns  
Bernear Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns  
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns  
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues  
Dave Lucht – OSLC member, recovering from surgery  
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall  
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery  
Our Savior’s College Students – as they return to classes for spring semester  
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member  
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues  
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition  
Charlene Rieches – OSLC member, recovering from surgery  
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues  
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson’s  
Randall Schleef – OSLC member  
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident  
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns  
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout  
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant  
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,  
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nick Allen – brother of Sara Seyfert, serving with the U.S. Army  
Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army  
Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army  
Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy  
Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff’s  
Deputy and Milford Police Department  
Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp  
Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer  
Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

**Those serving in the Seminary:**

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO  
Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei, our “adopted” international missionary,  
currently serving in the Dominican Republic

