

MERELY HUMAN CONCERN



The Second Week of Lent
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today, we are in the Second Week of Lent. As we journey through this season, we join with centuries of Christians who have used these 40 days to prepare for Easter; we prepare by acknowledging our deep need for a savior, our hunger for God. The rhythm of fast and feast has helped Christians over the years to live in the tension of the already-and-not-yet kingdom of God: together, we lament our own broken sinfulness and the fallen state of the world while also living in the hope of the Resurrection.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me now and ever more. Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield. Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee. I will ever give to Thee. Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures for ever.

I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from You, maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

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Oh, how I need You, Lord. You are my only hope. You're my only pray'r. So I will wait for You To come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Please sit or kneel.

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt.

You must not have any other gods but me.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not make for yourselves any idols.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Keep the Sabbath as a holy day, to rest and remember the gifts

of creation.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not kill.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not be guilty of adultery.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not steal.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not lie.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You must not want what others have.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and

not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to God, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

wickedness.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Trisagion

You may stand



During the instrumental music, children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.
² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 22:22-30

- ²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON



Merely Human Concern

Rochelle Scheuermann Savior Member

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, we cry to you

All:





^{*} Greek: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

This Is Our God

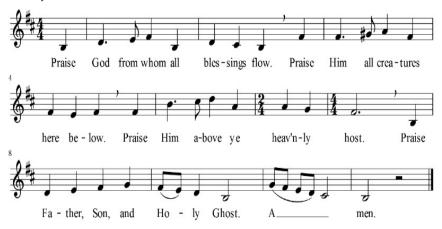
Your grace is enough, More than I need. At Your word, I will believe. I wait for You, Draw near again. Let Your Spirit make me new.

And I will fall at Your feet. I will fall at Your feet. And I will worship You here.

Your presence in me, Jesus light the way, By the power of Your word. I am restored, I am redeemed By Your Spirit I am free.

Freely You gave it all for us.
Surrendered Your life upon that cross.
Great is the love poured out for all,
This is our God.
Lifted on high from death to life.
Forever our God is glorified.
Servant and King, rescued the world.
This is our God.

You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God



Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available on the pulpit side of the sanctuary

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How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, For I am your God, I will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, And cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters He calls you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you, I only design Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Arms Of Love

I sing a simple song of love
To my Savior, to my Jesus.
I'm grateful for the things You've done,
My loving Savior, oh precious Jesus.
My heart is glad
That You've called me Your own.
There's no place I'd rather be

Than in Your arms of love. In Your arms of love. Holding me still, holding me near In Your arms of love.

Glorify Your Name

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, We worship and adore You, Glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, Glorify your name, Glorify your name in all the earth. Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that that may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Water in the Foyer

Throughout Lent, as you arrive, you'll notice in the foyer our baptismal font, with some holy water in it. If you wish, you may participate in an ancient practice of Christians: dip your fingertip in the water, then make the sign of the cross over yourself. The water reminds us our baptism, and the sign of the cross can become a physical prayer for God's cleansing work in our lives.

Communal Practices for Lent

During Lent, we invite the Savior community to engage in a few practices together, as we think about what it means to share life as God's family. Pick up a card at the Info Table with details on the suggested practices.

Stations of the Cross

You're warmly invited to Savior's popular, interactive Stations of the Cross on March 15 and 16, at PHCC. This year, we're holding the Stations ahead of Holy Week, as a Lenten devotion. Times will be posted soon.

Good Friday Gift

Each year during Lent, Savior collects an offering to support a local organization working with people in need in our community. This year, we are excited to support People's Resource Center (PRC). PRC offers a variety of services, including food pantries, to people in DuPage county, and this year they are building a new facility in Wheaton because they have grown out of their current building. Our gift will go towards the purchase and installation of a new walk-in cooler for the new facility, which costs approximately \$25,000. To give towards this Good Friday gift, please write "Good Friday Gift" in the memo line of your check or select the "Good Friday Gift" option from Savior's online giving page.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Youth Group meets tonight after the service. Hope you can join! Future dates: March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

Year-to-Date Giving as of February 17th: \$35,034.14

Year-to-Date Budget: \$36,985 Over / (Under): (\$1,950.86) 2024 Giving Goal: \$343,250

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LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The Cross and Community: Sharing Life as God's Family

February 14, Kevin Miller, Ash Wednesday, *How to Settle Your Disagreement*, Philippians 2:3-11; 4:2-3

February 17, Kevin Miller, Between the Beasts and the Angels, Mark 1:9-15 February 24, Rochelle Scheuermann, Merely Human Concern, Mark 8:31-38

March 2, Kevin Miller, John 2:13-22

March 9, Kevin Miller, John 3:14-21

March 16, Kevin Miller, Kidnapped: The True Story of My Life, by Patrick

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We welcome you to worship with us throughout Lent and Holy Week.

Palm Saturday: Saturday, March 23rd, 5:00-6:30 PM — PHCC

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 28th, 7:00-8:30 PM — PHCC

Good Friday: Friday, March 29th, 4:00-5:30 PM — PHCC

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th, 5:00-7:00 pm — PHCC

Easter Celebration: Sunday, March 31st, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
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