



Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 10, 10:30 A.M.

SOJOURNERS

· NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY ·

Lent at Our Saviour Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through (+) Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHERING SONG - Here I am to Worship

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?'

Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *(Read responsively by half verse.)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands,
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;

he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts - ELW 658 v. 1

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from every bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, O Christ**

THE SERMON: Sojourners: Notes for the Journey
The Goal is Worth the Price!
Pastor Frank Waugh

THE HYMN OF THE DAY - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING RESPONSE - Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this gathering. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with holy food but fill us with a hunger for justice and peace for all. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

THE PREFACE (*Sung by Pastor*)

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is bread for the journey, a feast for hungry hearts. Come, the table is now ready!

COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom. (Repeat)

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us a people of one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, and renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and (+) give you peace.
Amen.

THE SENDING SONG - Lead Me to the Cross

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE