

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2026

*The
Season
of
Lent*



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)

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PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots
out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the
work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for
disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs
of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for
disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

HYMN #714 "O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT"

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

♪ KYRIE [PAGE 138-139]

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen.

READINGS

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13 | PSALM 23 | EPHESIANS 5:8-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [*PAGE 142*]

**♪ 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.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – NOISY OFFERING

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #520 “DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

♪ **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(PAGE 144)*

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 our thanks and praise.

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P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

**♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMN #779 "AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN [884]

**♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...* Jesus Christ our Lord.)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN #793 “BE THOU MY VISION”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Those to keep in prayer: Mary Maher, Lydia Szelag, Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, the homebound: Carol Christensen, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military, Andrew Grau and Benjamin Baur.

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Organist: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

Acolyte: William Burke

Lector: Deb Detlefs; **Next Week:** Neil Holmquist

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This Week At A Glance

Week beginning March 15, 2026

Monday,

March 16th

April newsletter items are due in church office.

Wednesday,

March 18th

6:15 pm Meal at Our Savior's

7:00 pm Worship at Our Savior's

7:30 pm Bible Jam at Our Savior's

Friday,

March 20th

Church office closed

Sunday,

March 22nd

8:00 am Worship at Faith

9:25 am Sunday School at Our Savior's

10:30 am Worship at Our Savior's

Congregational Meeting at Our Savior's

Congregational Meeting

Our Savior's will be having a Congregational Meeting to vote on bathroom remodel. Voting will take place on Sunday, March 22nd.

Announcements

Thank you from Roger Boussetot

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and letters to me on my 100th Birthday. I received 100 cards and read them almost every day. I also thank the staff at Fieldstone for their special attention - ice cream machine, flowers, and thoughtful actions and words. I am grateful to have shared my birthday with so many family members, friends, and neighbors. Roger Boussetot

40 Days of Giving

Jars of peanut butter will be collected for the Carroll Assistance Center during the 40 days of Lent from Ash Wednesday on February 18th through Easter Sunday on April 5th. The jars of peanut butter can be any brand and any size; smooth or chunky.
bathroom remodel. Voting will take place on Sunday, March 22nd.

FREE Texas Roadhouse Kids Meal Vouchers -

Nicole has FREE Texas Roadhouse Kids Meal Vouchers with a purchase of an entree for Faith and Our Savior's Church members. The vouchers are for the Davenport, Iowa location only and the vouchers are valid until 10/1/2026. If you are interested in receiving Texas Roadhouse Kids Meal vouchers for your family, please contact Nicole in the church office.

Friday Bible School

Friday Bible School "Jonah and the Big Fish" will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026 from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Friday Bible School is for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Registration forms are due to the church office by April 17, 2026.

Mission Quilts and Fabric Kits

The Mission Quilts and Fabric Kits project will end **March 29th**. Please leave items at Faith Lutheran Church. An information sheet which provides specific details is available at both churches. If you have questions, please contact:
Terri Boussetot. terribushlow@hotmail.com 563-210-326

Announcements

Spring Quilt Display & Luncheon with Bake Sale

You are invited to a Spring Quilt Display and Luncheon with Bake Sale on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm located at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lost Nation. There will be a quilt display, and quilts will also be for sale including a bake sale, a cream turkey or maid-rite lunch for dine in or carryout.

Tickets: \$10.00, Kids 5-10 \$5.00

Upcoming dates for God Squad

Wednesday, April 1st – Easter Prep Night at Faith (stuff eggs and decorate for Easter Sunday).

Sunday, April 5th at Faith - Easter Breakfast (following worship), Easter Egg Hunt (45 mins after end of worship).

What if God Wrote You Bucket List?

On April 6th the Mississippi Valley Thrivent Community is inviting our church family to a special event in Dewitt. Jay Payleitner, national speaker and best-selling author of 40+ books, delights audiences with his inspirational, humorous, and meaningful talks that speak right to the heart of faith. Everyone is welcome to the free event.

Monday, April 6th at Dewitt Operahouse Theatre, 716 6th Ave. Doors open at 6 pm, event begins at 6:30 pm.

To register, call 563-659-2991 or email: teresa.burkett@thrivent.com
Although registration is encouraged, walk-ins are welcome.

Southeastern Iowa Synod - Prayer Shawl & Quilt Invitation

As we prepare for the 2026 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, we are inviting congregations across the synod to help surround this gathering in prayer, comfort, and peace blessings. Our theme, "Peace be with You," will be embodied through the gift of handmade prayer shawls and lap quilts; creations that offer color, warmth, and care from the hands and hearts of people across our synod. More information will be posted on the bulletin boards. Please use see the link for more information: <https://www.seiasynod.org/news/prayer-shawl-quilt-invitation>

Prayers of Intercession

Each Sunday when we gather for worship we have time of intercessory prayer. While this is an important part of our worship, we may not always know why we do it or what it means. Our prayers of intercession are, in short, asking God to be God to act in this world as God has promised us God will move and act in the world. These prayers are meant to be timely to current happenings at local, national, and global levels.

The Worship Committee and Pastor Leah have heard the request for members of our parish to offer up their own intercessions. This certainly fits in line with the meaning behind our prayers of intercession, because while we try to address the many things happening in our lives and world, we certainly cannot perfectly address them all. Here is how Worship Committee and Pastor Leah plan to honor this request...

- 1) Please submit in writing your prayer petition to Pastor Leah by the Wednesday preceding the upcoming Sunday.
- 2) Please be brief. 1-3 sentences will suffice.
- 3) Pastor Leah may edit or reject your petition. We are a parish filled with people of diverse opinions and experiences, and we hope our prayers reflect this reality. Pastor Leah will communicate any suggested edits, and the petition will not be prayed without full agreement from the writer and Pastor Leah.
- 4) We will start asking for petitions from members in January, with plans to include them in the prayers of intercession in February.
- 5) Honoring deaths within and connected to our community will still be prayed in the final petition where we give thanks to God for all those saints who have died.

The Worship Committee and Pastor Leah appreciate hearing from our parish on ways to enhance our communal worship life together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Leah or a member of the Worship Committee.

Pastor Leah and the Worship Committee

Faith: Terri Boussetot, Brittany Hoffmann, Andrea Shelton

Our Savior's: Dan Burke, Jason Boussetot, Deb Detlefs, Linda Whitman