

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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March 29, 2015

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Organist & Choir Director

Jaeyong Lee

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,
and serving others.*

*Who Are You
Going to
Invite to
Worship this
Easter?*

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2015 — WELCOME!

It is a pleasure to worship together.

If you are a newcomer, or you have a prayer request, or both,
please fill out the yellow pew card on the back of each pew.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed is He who comes as king!

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna to the Son of David!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Blessed is He who comes as king!

C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: JOHN 12: 12—19

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!’

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ ‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.¹⁷ So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify.^{*18} It was also because they heard that

he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!'

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING ~ LBW #527

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ P. 77 LBW

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for personal reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE GREETING

P: The gift of peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the renewing grace of the Spirit of life be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ~ P. 78 (LBW)

(Spoken by Leader; Response by Congregation is Sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray;

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please sit

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ JESUS LOVES ME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50: 4 - 9A

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the third servant song of Isaiah. Today's reading is a description of the mission of the servant. When early Christians read this text they heard in this servant of God the voice of Jesus. Thus, the reading was associated with the Lord's passion. The servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up togeth-

er. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 31: 9 - 16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 - 11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience, even to death, and his exaltation as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE ~ “WERE YOU THERE” LBW 92 vs. 3

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:28-42

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please find and follow this reading in your Bibles.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise To You, O Christ.

Please sit

SERMON

PASTOR MARK BRAATEN ~ *THE CRUCIFIXION PART II*

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

ON A HILL FAR AWAY (*THE OLD RUGGED CROSS*)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with "The peace of the Lord be with you.")

Please sit

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR

Please stand

OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: As we mark this Lenten season with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the church and the restoration of the world to the life of God.

(A brief silence)

A: For all who have sojourned through Lent, that in this holy week we may look to the Savior, who entered into suffering and death. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For all who witness to the gospel of Christ, that in their proclamation they may boldly confess Christ's obedience to death on a cross for the world's life and salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those throughout the world who long and work for peace, that they may be sustained by the word of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For those in distress and those who are sick (*especially,*) that your face may shine upon them and that they may receive help and healing from God. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: As we enter this Holy Week show us anew all that you have done. Strengthen your church, and lead us onward in faithfulness. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Gracious God, hear us as we pray, and sustain us with your hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ~ BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS ~ LBW #107

DISMISSAL

A: The Lord be with you! Go and serve in Jesus' name.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29	9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m. – Blended Worship
Wednesday, April 1	6:30 p.m. - Worship at Glenwood - “Easter Stories”
Maundy Thursday, April 2	7:00 p.m. - Worship with Holy Com- munion
Good Friday, April 3	7:00 p.m. – Worship with Glenwood here
Saturday, April 4	9:00 a.m. - Altar Guild Church Deco- rating 10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt
EASTER, April 5	9:15 a.m. – 10:15 Easter Breakfast by High School youth 10:30 a.m. – One combined service of Worship celebration!

In addition, each day of Holy Week, Monday through Friday, we are invited to First Christian Church to share in a Prayer Hour from noon until 1:00. What a joy this year, all sorts of worship opportunities and a chance to share with brothers and sisters in Christ here in south Tyler!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Our High School Youth will again be serving breakfast on Easter. The breakfast will be served from 9:15 a.m. until 10:15. Please come before worship. The menu will include egg bake, rolls, coffee, and orange juice. The cost is a free will donation. All proceeds will be used for our Youth Ministries. Be sure to come for a great breakfast and to support our youth!

DINNERS FOR 5 OR 6 OR 7

We are setting up a program called “Dinner for 6” (but we are changing the name to “Dinner for 5 or 6 or 7” to encourage singles as well as couples to join the fun!). Sign up in the church narthex; we will organize you in a group of rotating dinners. We look forward to a time of fellowship and getting to know people better!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DATES FOR THIS SUMMER

Our Week of summer camp at Lutherhill – June 21 - 26

Day Camp/VBS – July 27- 31

NALC National Convocation in Dallas – Aug. 13 –15

NEW BIBLE ENCOUNTER/STUDY

We have a new Bible Encounter starting in April. (We usually call these events Bible studies, but Pastor Mark likes the phrase “Bible Encounter” better.) We aren’t to just study the Bible; we are to encounter the Word of God!) This new encounter/study will begin on Wednesday evening, April 15 at 6:30. It will meet weekly on Wednesdays through May 20. We are going to read our way through the Gospel of Mark, your homework will be to read about a chapter of Mark every day or two. Start planning now to come, call Pastor Mark for more details!

“WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR’S” LUNCHEON

Here is an early invitation to put on your calendars! On Sunday, May 3, Our Saviour’s is going to host a “Welcome to Our Saviour’s” event. We will meet in the fellowship hall, lunch will be provided, and we will share an introduction to our congregation and to the Lutheran Church. This event is for all who are interested in Our Saviour’s and would like more information. We will talk about our congregation and what we believe. If you are new to Our Saviour’s, or if you are a long time member and would like a refresher, please come and join us. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 11:45 a.m. (immediately after the combined service on that day.) Please call Pastor Mark for more information.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY ON CHRISTIAN PARENTING

A year ago Blaine Davis led a 17 week study on Christian parenting. The study was marvelously successful; we are starting to plan to do it again. We will have more information coming out soon, this is a great experience!

LENT – THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped with our Lenten activities, and especially our soup suppers. This is the best organization and participation we’ve had in years! Things ran so smoothly, thank you all for your help!

CHURCH SOFTBALL

We are hoping to get together a church softball team for this summer. There is a signup sheet in the narthex, please sign up or call the church office for more information.

To Our Guests and Visitor

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* To find our nursery go to the Sunday School wing. The Nursery is to the right of the exit hallway.

* We have activity bags for youngsters to use during worship. The bags include soft toys and coloring books. Please help yourself to a bag. Be sure to return it after worship.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us.

* We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament.

* If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine for communion, there is grape juice in the center of the tray of glasses.

* Following services there is coffee and tea on the counter in our café area. Please stay for some fellowship.

* Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!

LEADERS FOR WORSHIP

Lay Coordinator:

Kathleen Grant

Acolyte:

Tori Snyder

Ushers:

Cliff & Sally Dengurud

Reader:

Jan Moch

Projectionist:

Toby Fite

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (MARCH 29—APRIL 5)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON, WED, THUR., 9:30-2:30; TUES. 9:30-1:40

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—March 29

Traditional Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Kids Choir	10:50 a.m.
Blended Service	11:10 a.m.
Clutterer's Anonymous	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Darning Ladies	1:30 p.m.
CODA	6:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	7:00 p.m.

MONDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Service at OSLC with Greenwood Church of Christ	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY

Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Altar Guild Team 1 for Church Decorating	9:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY

Embroider's Guild	1:00 p.m.
Lent Service at Glenwood Church of Christ	6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY—April 5, EASTER

Youth Breakfast (Begins at 9:15 a.m. & Ends at 10:15 a.m.)	9:15 a.m.
Combined Service	10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		MARCH 22 WORSHIP	
Prior March Donations	\$ 16,029	9:00 Traditional Service	93
Sunday, March 22 Donations	\$ 3,091	11:00 Blended Service	<u>29</u>
Other Weekly Donations	<u>986</u>	Combined Services	122
Monthly Total	\$ 21,106	Year-to-date Average	133
Monthly Budget	\$ 21,000		
Total 2015 Contributions	\$ 60,040		