

you that God continues to renew this call in your life.  
C: Amen.

SONG *Seek Ye First* Youth Club Bells

OFFERING

L: In Holy Baptism, God claimed you as God's own and named you as God's beloved child. You have been marked with the cross of Christ, and your life is sealed with the Holy Spirit. So you are called to remember your baptism daily, to die to sin and to rise to new life in Christ. You are invited now to come forward to remember your baptism and to be reminded of God's call upon your life. You may either dip your fingers in the water and make a sign of the cross on your forehead, or you may light a candle to remind yourself that you are called to let your light shine for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of the world. An offering basket will also be available to receive your financial gifts at the sanctuary doors as you leave worship this evening.

OFFERTORY SONG *Baptized and Set Free* ELW#453  
verses 1 -4

SENDING PRAYER

L: We praise you, O God, for meeting us with promise at the crossroads of history and hope.

C: **You have reminded us of your call. You have reminded us of your covenant. Go with us now. Lead us. Guide us. Strengthen us to trust in your call and your covenant. So that we might show forth in our lives your love for us and for the whole world. Amen.**

BLESSING

L: Receive this blessing: May the blessing of Almighty God—the one who makes promises with you, the one who calls you, and the one who protects you be upon you this day and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN *Restore in Us, O God* ELW#328  
verses 1, 3 & 4

BENEDICTION

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Welcome to Our Savior's*

Whether you are here every week or this is your first time in a long time, we are truly grateful you are here. The season of Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a journey that invites us to slow down, to examine our hearts, and to return again to the mercy and grace of God.

- ⇒ Maybe you're carrying *grief*.
- ⇒ Maybe you're seeking *clarity*.
- ⇒ Maybe you simply need a quiet place to *sit and breathe*.

Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey — you belong here. Participate in worship as you feel led. This is a space for honesty, prayer, and grace.

If this season stirs something in you, we invite you to walk through Lent with us. **Join Pastor Leland on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Conference Room for a 40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, using books edited by Ronald Klug. We also gather each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for Lenten worship.**

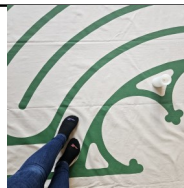
We are honored to worship with you this season.

**We Were Created for Relationship** — with God, with one another, and with creation itself.

Scan here to learn more about Our Savior's Lutheran Church and how you can be part of it.



*A Lenten Labyrinth Experience*  
*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5*



A canvas labyrinth will be on the floor in the sanctuary during the season of Lent.

Lent is a time of preparation, reflection, growth, and change. During this sacred season, we invite you to walk the labyrinth and enter into your own personal Lenten pilgrimage. Take your time. Move at the pace your spirit needs. Pause when you feel led. Pray as you walk.

Devotionals are available to guide your labyrinth experience, and finger labyrinths are also available for use at home.



We also invite you to sign the guest book before or after you walk. This helps us know who has participated and allows you to mark your own journey through this season.

PLEASE NOTE:

- \* NO shoes are allowed on the canvas labyrinth.
- \* Multiple people may walk the labyrinth at the same time. Please treat this as a quiet sacred space and be respectful of others.
- \* The labyrinth will not be available if the sanctuary is in use.

LENTEN WORSHIP

February 25, 2026 †



*Lenten Worship* | 7:00PM WORSHIP

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Susie Modrow Mark Gustafson, Cantor  
Rev. Leland Armbricht OSLC Youth Participants  
Ellie Lehn, accompanist Youth Club Ringers

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. God knew you and chose you before the world began; God loves you so much that she calls you her own child; God has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power; God has promised an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; God encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word; And God comforts you in your troubles so that you may be a comfort to others. This is our God, the source of all things, and the One for whom we live. So come, and let us worship God together!

GATHERING HYMN *God is Here* ELW#526  
verses 1 - 2

SCRIPTURE READING

- L: The call of God comes unexpectedly to Abraham, and with it comes a promise even more surprising.
- C: **As Abraham's story unfolds, we see that even when it appears God's promises are not trustworthy, that God is faithful.**
- L: Even when Abraham doubts and maneuvers and manipulates, God does not go back on God's word.
- C: **The same is true for us and for our world.**
- L: The God who calls us, often in surprising ways, is faithful, trustworthy, and true to God's promises.
- C: **In this, we place our trust. In this, we place our hope.**

GENESIS 15

After all these things happened, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision. God said, "Abram, don't be afraid. I will defend you and give you a great reward." But Abram said, "Lord God, there is nothing you can give me that will make me happy, because I have no son. My slave will get everything I own after I die." Abram said, "You have given me no son, so a slave born in my house will get everything I have." Then the Lord spoke to Abram and said, "That slave will not be the one to get what you have. You will have a son who will get everything you own." Then God led Abram outside and said, "Look at the sky. See the many stars. There are so many you cannot count them. Your family will be like that." Abram believed the Lord, and because of this faith the Lord accepted him as one who has done what is right. He said to Abram, "I am the Lord who led you here. I did this so that I could give you this land. You will own this land." But Abram said, "Lord God, how can I be sure that I will get this land?" God said to Abram, "We will make an agreement. Bring me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." Abram killed these animals and brought them to God. Later, large birds flew down to eat the animals,

but Abram chased them away. The sun began to go down and Abram got very sleepy. While he was asleep, a very terrible darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to Abram, "You should know this: Your descendants will live in a country that is not their own. They will be strangers there. The people there will make them slaves and be cruel to them for 400 years. But then I will punish the nation that made them slaves. Your people will leave that land, and they will take many good things with them. "You yourself will live to be very old. You will die in peace and will be buried with your family. After four generations your people will come to this land again and defeat the Amorites." So on that day the Lord made a promise and an agreement with Abram. He said, "I will give this land to your descendants."

L: The Word of the Lord!  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE

HYMN *The God of Promise Praise* ELW#831  
verses 1 - 2

PRAYERS

After each petition concludes with "L: Lord, in your mercy," please respond with "C: Hear our prayer."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Beloved in Christ: God created us to live in the joy of communion with the divine, to live in peace with all of creation, and to love all of humanity. But we turn away from God, our neighbors, and creation. Our lives are not what God had intended for us. But God comes to us with a promise that changes everything. In the waters of baptism, we have received God's love and forgiveness, and we are forever connected to Christ. Because of this, we can come to God with the things that we have said or done, or the things we have forgotten to do. We are a work in progress, so let us confess our sins together. God of Promise...

- C: **We are sorry.**
- Sometimes we doubt your call.**
- Sometimes we do not believe in your promises.**
- Sometimes we do things our own way.**
- Sometimes we do not trust.**
- Sometimes we are unfaithful.**
- Sometimes we hurt others and ourselves.**
- Forgive us.**
- Call us anew.**
- Remind us of your promises.**
- Give us patience.**
- Help us to trust.**
- Fill us with your faithfulness.**
- Turn us towards one another in love.**
- And move us to be gentle with ourselves.**
- In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

L: The God of Promise, who calls you and has made a covenant with you in Holy Baptism, remembers you, and looks upon you with lovingkindness. In steadfast faithfulness, God forgives your sins in + Jesus' name. May God strengthen you to live in faith each day and remind

Lent/Holy Week Schedule



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Palm Sunday MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup> , 2026 8:45 AM 10:45 AM	Maunder Thursday APRIL 2 <sup>ND</sup> , 2026 7:00PM	Good Friday APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 2026 7:00PM	Easter Sunday APRIL 5 <sup>TH</sup> , 2026 8:45 AM 10:45 AM
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