

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

C: Amen.

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 promised to protect us. You have promised to provide for us. Go with us now. Lead us. Guide us. Strengthen us. To have confidence in your protection and to believe that you will provide. 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 the one who provides, and the one who protects 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

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Holy Week is almost here —
 and you're invited to be part of it.

Starting with Palm Sunday and leading into Easter, we pause, reflect, and walk through the story of Jesus—from the table, to the cross, to the empty tomb. It's a week grounded in grace, honest reflection, and the promise of new life.

Whether this is your first visit, you come every week or haven't been in a while, you are welcome here. No pressure, no expectations—just space to show up, hear the word, and be reminded of God's love for you.

Holy Week Worship:

- ⇒ Palm Sunday, March 29 – 8:45 AM (Traditional) & 10:45 AM (Contemporary)
- ⇒ Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Good Friday, April 3 – 7:00 PM

Stay for Bingo following the Palm Sunday (3/29) services at 12:00 PM—connect, win some prizes, and have some fun together!

Easter Sunday – April 5:

- ⇒ 8:45 AM (Traditional) & 10:45 AM (Contemporary)

*Come as you are.
 Bring your people.
 There's a place for you here.*



2026 SPRING PLANT SALE

Children and youth are raising funds for BIBLE CAMP, NOAH'S ARK + MISSION TRIPS. Students earn 25-28% profit.

Please support this ministry and buy your bedding plants and flowering hanging baskets on behalf of these KIDS. **Order forms are available in the narthex, church office, on our website, and in our weekly Pulse e-newsletter.**

Please mail or bring orders and payment to reach the church office by WEDNESDAY APRIL 8th.

Thank you for helping children attend WAPO Bible camp, Noah's Ark preschool and youth who attend life changing mission trips.

PLANT PICKUP is Thursday, May 7th from 1-5 pm.

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

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



LENTEN WORSHIP

March 25, 2026 †



Lenten Worship | 7:00PM WORSHIP

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

- Rev. Leland Armbright
- Rev. Susie Modrow
- Ellie Lehn, Accompanist
- Mark Gustafson, Cantor
- OSLC Youth

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 *Thy Holy Wings* **ELW#613**
 verses 1 - 3

OPENING THE WORD

L: The story of Isaac is a complicated one. This child of the promise becomes a demonstration of his father's commitment to God by his willingness to cause harm at God's direction, harm that is ultimately not carried out because God intervenes.

C: **But God not does not always intervene in our lives or in the life of the world.**

L: Our personal crossroads of history and hope often are because of real and lasting harm that others have caused us.

C: **Globally, harm has brought the world to its knees, and it is in need of hope.**

L: To wrestle with the promises of God's protection, we also need to name this contradiction. We seek God in the midst of times when things don't make sense. We trust that God is who God claims to be, and we trust that the God who makes these promises will keep them.

GENESIS 21:8-21

After these things God decided to test Abraham's faith. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Yes!" Then God said, "Take your son to the land of Moriah and kill your son there as a sacrifice for me. This must be Isaac, your only son, the one you love. Use him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which mountain." In the morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants with him. He cut the wood for the sacrifice. Then they went to the place where God told them to go. After they traveled three days, Abraham looked up, and in the distance he saw the place where they were going. Then he said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go to that place and worship. Then we will come back to you later." Abraham took

the wood for the sacrifice and put it on his son's shoulder. Abraham took the special knife and fire. Then both he and his son went together to the place for worship. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" Abraham answered, "Yes, son?" Isaac said, "I see the wood and the fire. But where is the lamb we will burn as a sacrifice?" Abraham answered, "God himself is providing the lamb for the sacrifice, my son." So both Abraham and his son went together to that place. When they came to the place where God told them to go, Abraham built an altar. He carefully laid the wood on the altar. Then he tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached for his knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord stopped him. The angel called from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham answered, "Yes?" The angel said, "Don't kill your son or hurt him in any way. Now I can see that you do respect and obey God. I see that you are ready to kill your son, your only son, for me." Then Abraham noticed a ram whose horns were caught in a bush. So Abraham went and took the ram. He offered it, instead of his son, as a sacrifice to God. So Abraham gave that place a name, "The Lord Provides." Even today people say, "On the mountain of the Lord, he will give us what we need." The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time. The angel said, "You were ready to kill your only son for me. Since you did this for me, I make you this promise: I, the Lord, promise that I will surely bless you and give you as many descendants as the stars in the sky. There will be as many people as sand on the seashore. And your people will live in cities that they will take from their enemies. Every nation on the earth will be blessed through your descendants. I will do this because you obeyed me."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN *The God of Promise Praise*
 verses 1, 5 + 6

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.**