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**VERSICLE:** "You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back." Isaiah 38:16

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**WORSHIP NOTES:** We welcome you to worship and to a church that seeks restoration in Christ as the central dynamic of life. During Lent God calls us out of our sinful selfishness to himself. We can view our world from the perspective of selfishness or selflessness. Selfishness puts self before all and leads to favoritism, pride and envy. Repentance, however, means despairing of self, trusting in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice and motivated by his selfless service to live in freedom. The apostle Paul encourages us today not only to seek God's comfort (which he had received in a big way) but also to share that comfort with others.

**Guests:** Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!



**INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**      Live Stream on OSLC YouTube Channel

**ORDER OF SERVICE**      Morning Praise

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**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** (Advent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ King comes: let us wor-ship him.  
 (Christmas) Unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born: let us wor-ship him.  
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is re- vealed: let us wor-ship him.  
 (Lent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God: let us wor-ship him.  
 (Easter) The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ ris - en: let us wor-ship him.  
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor-ship him.  
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,  
 the Son, and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it: let us wor-ship him.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS ROMANS 7:15-25**

*(Today we'll use Paul's inner dialogue for our examination as it exposes our sinful nature. Then we hear the good news that we are rescued by our Savior!) We join...*

**I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.**

**So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

## **OUR EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our<sup>2</sup> behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**ALL: “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1).**

## OUR GOSPEL    **MATTHEW 20:17-28**

*James and John wanted to have special honor in Jesus’ kingdom, so the Savior told his disciples the true meaning of greatness before God. Greatness comes in humble service, Jesus taught. He proved that lesson by humbly serving as a ransom for sinners.*

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!” Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## SERMON    **2 Corinthians 1:3-11**    “In Christ We Find Comfort Overflowing”

## OFFERING

*Please see the CoVid-19 letter (email / website) or call the church office at 262-377-6363 for information about how you can continue to support God’s work through our ministry at Our Savior.*

## SERVICE CONTINUES with PRAYERS & SPECIAL PRAYERS

## 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**

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **BLESSING**



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.



## SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/22)    **9:30 AM**    **Worship Service (Live Stream)**  
Thursday        **3:30 PM**        **Lent Worship Service (Podcast)**  
Sunday (3/29)    **9:30 AM**        **Worship Service (Live Stream)**

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	2 Kings 4:18-37
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Romans 8:11-19
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11:17-27, 38-45
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 115

Check out our podcast at <http://oursavior.podbean.com/>  
Live Stream at 9:30am at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OXJX9adFfQ6f3RQC8V17g>.

Check out our Facebook page



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## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

**COMFORT IN EVERY CRISIS**

SERVICE THEME

### **PREACHER:**

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### **VIDEO:**

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### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

### **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 20:17-28

### **THE SERMON:**

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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