5th Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023



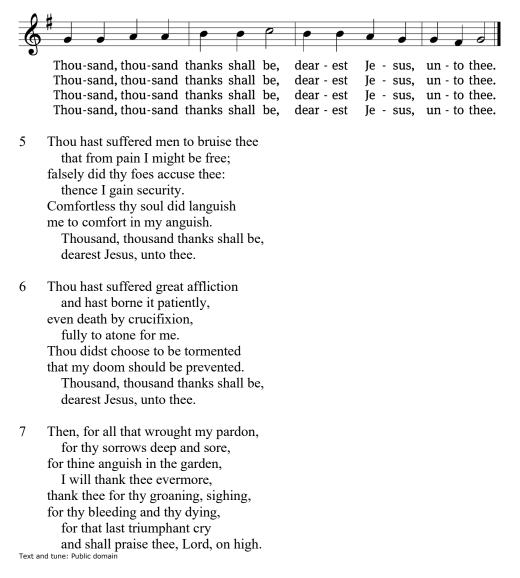
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Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note: **Restrooms:** far side (south) of the entry. **Parent's Room**: far left (southwest).

Christian Education: Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal for more information (262-377-7780) or check out the school website at www.OurSaviorGrafton.org.

WELCOME by Pastor





WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP (from Psalm 42)

- P: As the deer pants for streams of water...
- C: ...so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me, "where is your God?"

- **P**: I remember how I used to go, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.
- ALL: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. In this hour, help us see our sin and desire a fresh start with you. Help us see the shortcomings in our lives and look to you for answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give, and to have faith, and to be faithful to you, all through Jesus. Lord have mercy on us.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

P: Our God has heard the cries of his people and has had mercy on us. He has seen our need and provided for our salvation. He has seen our condition and provided the solution. He has seen our hearts and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer a weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for his goodness.

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 1:6–12

One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

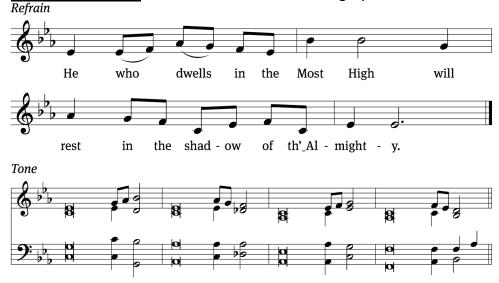
Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY 91A The Shadow of the Almighty



Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. *Refrain*

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain Music: © 2002 Dale A. Witte, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 714932

WE HEAR THE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10–18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

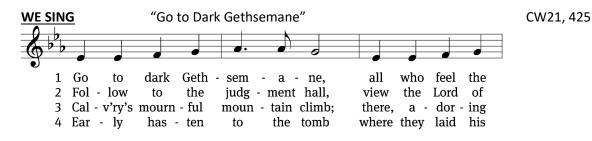
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

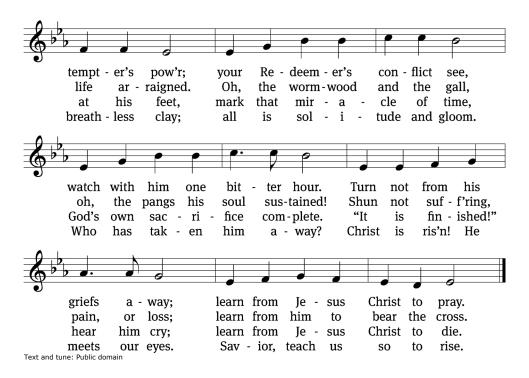
WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (from Romans 8)

ALL: We have received the spirit of sonship, and by him we cry: "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children, heirs of God and coheirs with Christ. . . in order that we may also share in his glory. . . the Spirit himself intercedes for us.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all --how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Christ Jesus, who died -- more than that, who was raised to life -- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.





WE MEDITATE

Luke 11:14-26 "HOW STRONG IS SATAN?"

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first."

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

While the offerings are being collected, members and guests to please sign the red "Friendship Register" which can be found at the end of the pew. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

WE JOIN IN PRAYER (adapted into prayer from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

ALL: Lord, we ask that the message of your grace may spread rapidly and be honored. You, O Lord, are faithful. You strengthen and protect us from the evil one. Please direct our hearts into your divine love and Christ's perseverance.

WE HEAR HIS PROMISE OF PROTECTION

- **P:** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
- C: We cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us.

WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

- **P:** And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ... will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever.
- C: Amen.



SILENT PRAYERS ANNOUNCEMENTS



2023 Holy Week

- April 2nd Palm Sunday
- April 6th Maundy Thursday 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm (Communion)

April 7th - Good Friday - 1:00 pm (Communion) 7:00 pm

April 9^{th h} – EASTER – 7:00 am & 9:30 am (Easter Breakfast between Services)







CHILDCARE HELPERS NEEDED

Does your high school teen need volunteer hours?

Does your 7th or 8th grader love to babysit?

The Fellowship Committee is looking for extra childcare helpers to assist Mrs. Pappenfuss and Mrs. Johnson at school during the Night Out on April 19th.

If Interested, Call/Text Megan Lederer at 262-483-0745

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/26)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Thursday	3:30 PM	Lenten Service
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday (4/2)	8:00 AM	Palm Sunday Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Service w/Communion

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream. Link on our website (see below).

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PASTOR: **Charles Papenfuss**

ORGANIST **Robert Klug**

SONGS: As Printed

FIRST LESSON: Job 1:6-12

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:14-26

THE SERMON: Luke 11:14-26

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