



# Lutheran Church of Our Savior

## ✠ Evening Prayer ✠

*Service of Light and Prayer at the Close of the Day*

7:00pm

## Midweek Lent

Mar 11, 2026

### Our Mission

Responding to God's love, Lutheran Church of Our Savior desires to reach more people for Christ by proclaiming Him, by growing in faith, and by caring for all people.

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Pastor Emeritus

*Stand - Cross Processes from the back of the Church*

### OPENING SENTENCES

*LSB p. 243*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let your light scatter the darkness  
People: **and illumine Your Church.**

*The Altar Candles are lit*

### PHOS HILARON

*Hymn of Light - Sung*

*LSB p. 244*

Pastor: Joyous light of glory  
People: **of the immortal Father;  
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.  
We have come to the setting of the sun,  
and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
You are worthy of being praised  
with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life:  
the universe proclaims Your Glory.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

*LSB p. 245*

Pastor: Blessed are You,  
O Lord our God,  
king of the universe,  
who led Your people Israel

Pastor: by a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night.  
Enlighten our darkness  
by the light of Your Christ;  
may His Word be a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path;  
for You are merciful,  
and You love Your whole creation and we,  
Your creatures, glorify You,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

*LSB p. 254*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven  
and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought,  
word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most  
grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on  
me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.  
**People: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all your sins. Amen.**  
**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven  
and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in  
thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my  
own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have  
mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting  
life. Amen.**  
Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all your sins.  
**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

### PSALM 141

*LSB p. 245*

**People: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
The lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.**

Pastor: O Lord, I call to You;  
come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to You.

**People: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
The lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.**

Pastor: Set a watch before my mouth,  
O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.  
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.  
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;  
in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

**People: 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.**  
**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
The lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
*Silence for Individual Prayer*

Pastor: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord,  
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified  
minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and  
the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**People: Amen.**

## HOLY SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 6:1-21*

Reader: The Holy Scripture Lesson is from Matthew the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## A CHIEF PART OF THE SMALL CATECHISM *The Lord's Prayer*

Pastor: The Introduction

**People: Our Father who art in heaven.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

Pastor: The First Petition

**People: Hallowed be Thy name.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

Pastor: How is God's name kept holy?

**People: God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

Pastor: The Second Petition

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

Pastor: How does God's kingdom come?

**People:** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Pastor: The Third Petition

**People:** Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Pastor: How is God's will done?

**People:** God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Pastor: The Fourth Petition

**People:** Give us this day our daily bread.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Pastor: What is meant by daily bread?

**People:** Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Pastor: The Fifth Petition

**People:** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Pastor: The Sixth Petition

**People:** And lead us not into temptation.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Pastor: The Seventh Petition

**People:** But deliver us from evil.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Pastor: The Conclusion

**People:** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means

**People:** “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

## HOMILY



## THE LITANY

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:** hear us.

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

**People:** have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

**People:** Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

**People:** Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

**People: to hear us, O Lord.**

Pastor: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings;

Pastor: to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**People: we implore You to hear us.**

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People: have mercy.**

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**People: grant us Your peace.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People: hear us.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: have mercy.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People: have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: have mercy. Amen.**

*Stand*

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

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Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Abide with Me*

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<b>Worship Assistants</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Acolyte	
Elder	Tom Heuchert
Usher	
Lesson Reader	
Keyboard	
Media	Diana Brown
Altar Guild	