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11:00AM



*"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of  
God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)*

**WELCOME!**

## Opening Song

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Confession & Declaration of Grace

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

## Worship Songs

### Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>*Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;*

*they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
 18"Remember not the former things,  
 nor consider the things of old.  
 19Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
 20The wild beasts will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches,  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
 21the people whom I formed for myself  
 that they might declare my praise."*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Philippians 3:8-14

*8Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – 10that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

*12Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

**A. This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9-20

*9[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. 13Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my*

beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

*'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone'?*

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**Sermon**

Pastor Patrick Singh

## **Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

**Service of the Sacrament +**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.   **Amen.**

### **Distribution**

### **Communion Hymns:**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C  
**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.   **Amen.**

### **Closing Song**

### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Preparing for Holy Communion:** The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (1 Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**Sunday morning Bible Class Series:** *New Beginnings* - taught by Marlow Olson, based on the first twelve chapters of Genesis and dealing with the unseen realm, the created world and God's plan of redemption using the perspective of the ancient Near Eastern peoples. *How big is our God!* Bible Class is held in the Fellowship Room, 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings.

**Palm Sunday** is next Sunday, April 13th. We will have one combined worship service next Sunday, celebrating our Savior's entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week: Note the schedule of special services for Holy Week: April 17, Maundy Thursday: service at 6:30 p.m. April 18 - Good Friday, service at 6:30 p.m. One service on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

**Lenten Vespers:** During the season of Lent, all are invited to Lenten Vespers, a brief worship service beginning at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We will also have a Lenten Supper, preceding the Vespers, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The Prayer Gatherings that the Elders have led on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month will resume after Easter.

**OS's Singers** will be singing at the Promenade Assisted Living Center, located at 1228 Western Avenue, Albany, a short distance to the left of Fuller Road, Wednesday, during Holy Week April 16 at 10:00 AM. All are encouraged to join us, as we bring the familiar Compassion and Easter messages in song, to the folks at the Living Center. We should arrive 10 minutes early to hand out our reading assignments. Al Walck

**Needed Food Pantry Items:** Shelf-stable milk, mayo, cooking oil, pasta sauce, salad dressing, canned fruit, low-salt broth, low salt canned meats and fish, Cereal, Packaged cookies, muffin/brownie mixes.

**Thank you** for the many Bibles you have brought in to be given out to those in treatment at Conifer Park. They are greatly appreciated by the residents and need to be replenished often. The need for Bibles is on-going. So please bring in any you have at home that you can share. Place then in the coat closet. Thank you. This is a special way you can be a part of sharing the Gospel for those who want to know. Any questions see Ike Wallace

**Portals of Prayer** - daily devotional booklets containing devotions for April-June are now available on the shelf in the narthex. Help yourself and take extra copies to give to friends.

**Easter Lilies:** Here we are in the middle of Lent with days ticking away as we approach the most holy and glorious day of days! The day that underpins our whole Christian faith! It's exciting and it's time to plan for celebrating! One of the ways you can celebrate and honor a loved one this Easter is to order a beautiful, white Easter lily. Each lily plant will decorate and joyfully announce the resurrection of Christ Jesus within our sanctuary walls Easter morning! What a sight it will be! (And they smell nice, too!) To order your Easter lily and designate your dedication to a loved one, please see Lori Dollard in the narthex on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Money is due when ordering. The cost is \$10 per plant. Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks out to "Our Savior's Lutheran Church" and please note in the memo "Easter lilies" Additionally for your convenience, an email including a link to an online order form is also being circulated. Please call Lori if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for participating and for helping to beautify our sanctuary this Easter.

**You are invited to Easter Morning Breakfast!** Please come early to the school cafeteria Easter morning (8-9) to enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet before our 10 a.m. combined worship service. Our menu options include: savory egg casseroles, fresh eggs, crisp bacon, seasonal fruit, morning fresh Bruegger's bagels, irresistible Price Chopper doughnuts, gluten-free options, hot coffee, tea, cocoa, juice and other yummy breakfast sides. A breakfast the whole family and friends will enjoy! Signups for food contributions and other ways to help are located in the narthex. As always, we are grateful for your participation. For those contributing food, please bring to the cafeteria by 7:50 a.m. Additionally, we ask all to be mindful of the morning time constraints, and we thank you, in advance, for your courteous assistance to that end. The breakfast breakdown will begin at 9:15 (Please note that the Egg Hung is scheduled for 9:15) as our goal is to be finished cleaning and in the sanctuary by 9:55! It will be a challenge, but we know we can do it working together! Questions? Please reach out to Betsy Kocsis, Lori or Brian Dollard. Finally, on behalf of the Elders and Women's' Board, we look forward to this very special celebration as we gather to celebrate the name above all names, our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen! Hs is risen indeed! Alleluia.

**Vicar Mark Chaffee's** office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email: [mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com](mailto:mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com) **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email ([patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com)) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

## PRAYER NEEDS

**Healing:** Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, George Swint, Eric Unright, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

-in **Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Ruth Looman, Lois O'Brien, Jon Ronson

**-Joe Cassel and RoseMarie Dudek:** music teachers at Our Savior's Christian School. May Joe and RoseMarie continue to encourage their students to use their voices in praising our Lord and Savior. Bless their preparations for the Spring Concert on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**-Resurrection, Latham:** Continue to bless this faithful flock as they gather regularly around Word and Sacrament. May their numbers increase.

### 11:00AM Servers

Reader: Tom Aery

Communion Servers: Jeremy & Jen Noble

Pray-ers: Brian & Lori Dollard

Ushers: Bud Hoffman

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*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalm 100:4)*

