



April 2-3, 2022  
Lent 5

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text 608-471-7267.

# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## Welcome

**Meditation:** Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*Gospel** John 12:1-8

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the

fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun-tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

**\*Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Prayers**

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*(Sunday worship - after a brief silence ...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for your servants that they may be faithful disciples. Be with our confirmation students, especially Aidan and Ella as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

### **\*Communion Liturgy**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **\*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.

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

*HOLY COMMUNION All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## **Distribution**

### **\*Post Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

**\*Blessing**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**BAPTISMS-** In the waters of baptism, we welcome Jaxon Lee, son of Eric Stugen & Jamie Romanowski, and Benjamin Stanley, son of Eric & Rachel Stugen. Jaxon’s sponsors are Angie & William Addison and Lisa & Corey Fowlkes. Benjamin’s sponsors are William & Jennifer Prescott and Kurt & Hais Lindeman.

**LENTEN WORSHIP:** Wednesday - April 6 -@ 6 PM

**Holy Week Worship**



**Palm Sunday – April 9/10**

We read the Passion story, celebrate Holy Communion, and look ahead to the “holiest of weeks!”

**Maundy Thursday – 7 PM**

We gather as Jesus did, celebrating the Lord’s Supper, and hearing stories of betrayal, denial, and some really intense praying!

**Good Friday  
1:30 PM**

Were you there? We are...at the foot of the cross, to ponder the awesome grace of God in the crucified Jesus!

**8 PM**

As the day draws to a close, and darkness descends, we hear the story again in the words of prophesy, the words of the Gospel, and the Word of God.

**Easter Sunday  
6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM**

It’s party time! The tomb is empty, the risen Jesus calls us by name, and new life is ours! Lots of music, the message of the Gospel, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

**COME AND WORSHIP:**

Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

**USHERS NEEDED:** Go to SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** at 9:15 AM  
for PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Sunday, April 3  
for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sunday, April 10

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 PM

**EASTER GARDEN:** forms and payment are due in the office by April 3. Forms are available outside the office and in the March newsletter.

**LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS DEADLINE EXTENDED:** items need to be returned to church by the end of April. Thank you to all who have provided for this project.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** College scholarship applications are due in to Pastor Jon by May 2.

**REMEMBER:** to get your Sugar Creek Campership forms turned in to the office by May 5. Forms are available in the office or on the church website.

Check out the April newsletter  
([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more ...

**Masks are optional when you are in the building. Thank you!**

