



February 26, 2023  
First Sunday in Lent  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1655 Main St.  
Newington, CT 06111

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please prepare yourself for worship

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

*"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

ELW #326

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**℣** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**℣** The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

**℣** A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**℣** The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** <sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Hymn of the Day:**

*"The Glory of These Forty Days!"*

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*Please stand as able.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** **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 OF INTERCESSION

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Console and strengthen those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill. Accompany all who suffer especially Beverly, Sarah W., Shirley, Esther, Gail, Colleen, Bev, Doug, Gene, Lee, Pat B., Candy, Noreen, Elaine, Carolyn, Ruth, Alice, our homebound members: Marguerite, Lynn and Holly and to those we now name in our hearts or on our lips...(pause). We pray for veterans, and for those currently serving in our armed forces, including Lt. Laurin Smith Teegarden. Please grant them respite and renewal. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** For what else shall we pray? (*pause for individual petitions from the congregation*) Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *ushers come forward*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as able.*

**P** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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:

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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.**

**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**C Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Come forward for communion or blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:**

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

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**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Please stand as able.*

**P** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

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**THE DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Year to Date (YTD) General Fund Income vs. Expense – Period Ending (PE) January 31, 2023**

Actual Pledge Income Received YTD	\$6,244.00	\$6,244.00
Anticipated Budgeted Pledge Receipts YTD	(\$7,513.75)	
<b>Actual Pledge Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>(\$1,269.75)</b>	
Total General Fund Income YTD, including Other Income (Hall rental, loose offerings, fellowship, special donations, Grant, holiday offerings, St. Pauly Textile, United Way, etc).		<u>\$1,611.21</u>
Total YTD General Fund Income		\$7,855.21
Total YTD General Fund Expenses		<u>(\$6,532.70)</u>
YTD Gain		<b>\$1,322.51</b>

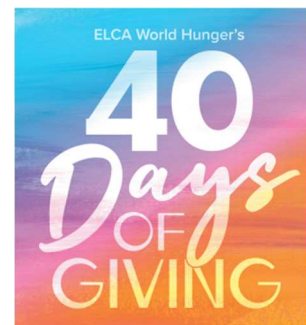
**Learn to save a life today**

We will be offering an American Heart Association Family and Friends CPR class on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2pm.

This class is provided through the American Heart Association and will be taught by certified instructors/EMT's from Newington Emergency Medical Services, the primary 911 ambulance service for the town of Newington.

This class is an orientation to CPR topics and will cover hands-only CPR, AED use, and choking relief for adults, children and infants. All participants will have the opportunity to practice with trainer mannequins. No prior medical experience is necessary.

Sign-up sheet at back of church. Questions – see Jan Levett



## For Your Information

### **Welcome and Thank You!**

We are so happy to have Pastor Joe McGarry here joining us and leading us in worship today. Thank you to David Marottolo for being our organist.

### **Q1 Congregational meeting**

TODAY following worship. Please join us!

### **First Communion Classes starting**

Pastor Joe is going to lead first communion classes on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26, at **9 AM** in the Church Council Room. Participants will make their first Communion on Palm Sunday - April 2. Email or call the office if you want your children to be included.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is back again! Join us on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> (no joke) from 9:30 – 11:30am for this fun event. Leading up to this we will need egg stuffers and candy to make this a success.

### **Newington Food Pantry/ Newington Human Services – ministry support**

1 in 8 children, and 1 in 15 seniors face hunger. The Newington food pantry helps close this gap in food insecurity. We are collecting nonperishable food items especially soup and dish detergent, along with hygiene and household products. There is a list of suggested donations in the Narthex.

### **Clothing Shed – ministry support**

Are your shelves and closets bursting at the seams? Donating your excess clothing to the St Pauly shed is a win-win for the environment, people in need, and the church. OSLC **receives funding** for donated clothing and we help keep clothing out of landfills! Accepted items: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Let your friends and neighbors know about this meaningful project.

### **'We Can' for Calumet – ministry support**

Tired of returning those empty cans and bottles? Bring them here or contact Jan Levett OSLC is collecting bottles & cans for Calumet. Help support this great cause.

### **Next week**

We are looking forward to having Pastor Darrell Urban leading us in worship.

## Worship Assistants and Contacts

**We could use help with worship assistants, please see the clipboard at the back of the church.**

Organist: David Marottolo  
Assisting Minister: Pat Mahoney  
Lector: Beth Hutvagner  
Altar Guild: Pat Mahoney  
Flowers: Lisa Jaksina  
Usher: Dave Hourigan  
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