

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LENT 2023

**(February 26-April 2)
9:30 a.m. Worship**



WHO WE ARE

We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.

- We embrace an open approach to every spiritual journey.
- We ask questions together and value every voice.
- We strive for justice through service to the world.

We seek to be transformed by the path we walk together.

WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

We are a community embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation.

We look for the Christ shining in every race, every child and family shape, every sexual orientation and gender identity, every physical and mental ability, every economic status, and every faith perspective. Within this dynamic community, we foster meaningful connections and experiences as we live into faith and face the issues of our time.

Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds, and hands extended to all.

"... for all of you are one in Christ." – Gal. 3:2

LENT: A MICROCOSM OF OUR LIFE'S JOURNEY

The six weeks of Lent is a very intense, concentrated form of what we see happening throughout our lives. We all go through highs and lows, and in Lent we see Jesus' highs and lows in the last part of his earthly life, viewing them through the lens of our own experience. We all know disappointment in relationships, and in Lent we see the political-religious authorities turn against Jesus, even as his disciples become confused and fearful. We all must bear things difficult to face, and in Lent we see Jesus carrying the cross on which he would be executed. Yet we are a people of hope, because we know how Jesus' story ends. Let us take our Lenten journey, aware of both the pain and the glory of human existence, following in the steps of the one who taught us how to achieve the highest potential of our humanity.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

Please rise as you are able

OPENING DIALOG

L: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray and learn.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart.

A time to experience the love of God and the love of our community.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy.

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends. Let us take the Lenten journey together.

HYMN

see insert

The community is seated

L OLD TESTAMENT READING

see insert

L PSALM (read responsively)

see insert

Please rise as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

L GOSPEL

see insert

HYMN OF THE DAY

see insert

The community is seated

SERMON

Please rise as you are able

L THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

L PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each prayer,

L: God, who journeys with us,

Hear our prayer.

L PEACE

May the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, be with you all.

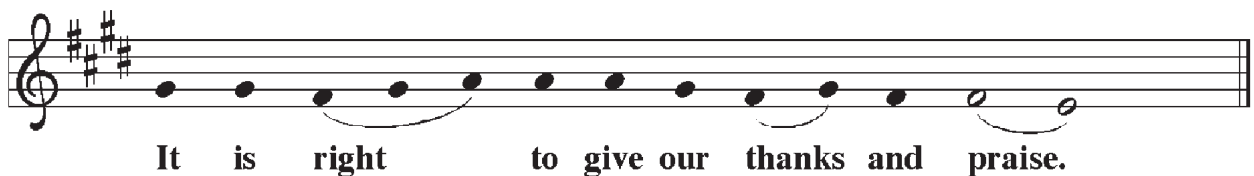
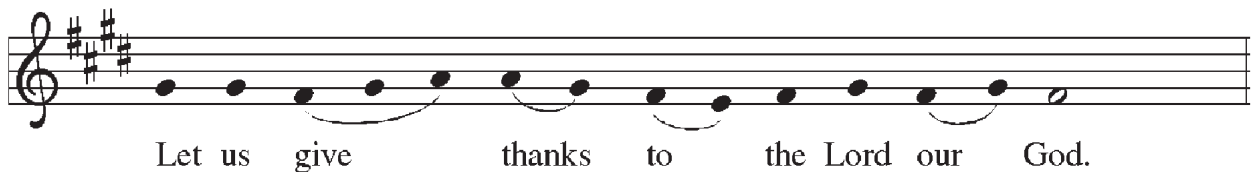
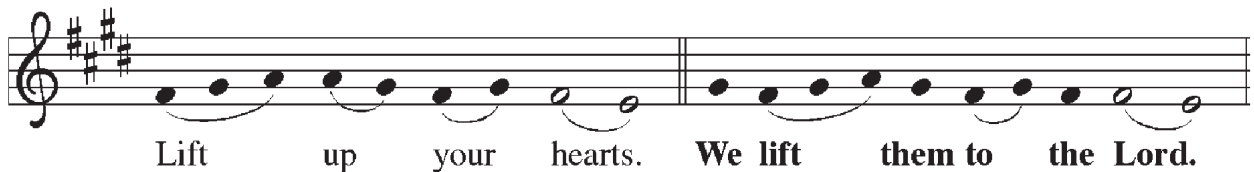
And also with you.

The community is seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE



HOLY (SANCTUS)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*As a sign of our welcome to all, our communion wafers are gluten-free;
in addition, there is the choice of wine (red) or grape juice (white).*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (please sing as the sacrament is shared) see insert

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

see insert

CLOSING BLESSING

L: Let us all bless each other as we leave this place to continue our Lenten journey:

**May God, the giver of Love,
Christ, the resurrection and the life,
And the Holy Spirit of rebirth,
Bless us as we each make our Lenten journey.
Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.



WORSHIP INSERT

March 19, 2023

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dan Senter

Dir. of Worship/Music: Martin Morley

Liturgist: Laura Burbidge

Prelude Prelude, Opus 42
Georges Mac-Master

First Hymn ELW 502

The King of Love my Shepherd Is
vs 1,2,3

Old Testament Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Early Special Music Bellissimo

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior
Medieval Chant, arr. Moklebust

Other Scriptures

Psalm 23

John 9:1-11

Hymn of the Day ELW 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

Special Music Choir and Bellissimo

Take My Life, and Let It Be
by Dan Nelson

Distribution Hymns

ELW 331, 359, 319

Sending Hymn ELW502

The King of Love my Shepherd Is
vs 4,5,6

Postlude Let My Prayer Rise Up
Purcell/Norris

Our current Covid-19 guidelines make masking optional, but still highly recommended. Please distance your seating 6-10 feet from other individuals/family pods.

High School Volunteer Opportunity!

Saturday, March 25 at 4:30pm

Youth will be volunteering at the Spring Equinox event at the church. If you need school volunteer hours, please bring your form.

Bob Ruh Memorial Service

Thursday, March 23rd | 3:00 pm

It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of Bob Ruh. Bob and Pam have been faithful members of OSLC after their move from San Francisco to Lafayette with Bob serving on our Executive Council and a wise mentor to the pastoral staff as a member of the Staff Support Committee. We gather to celebrate the life of Bob at a memorial service on Thursday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary, with a social time following at Roundhill Country Club. Join us in person or online.

See This Week for YouTube and Facebook links.

Spring Equinox Celebration and Dance Party

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 25th for our next big community event, or better yet, pre-purchase your tickets now on our Eventbrite page. Designed for the whole family, it's a moment to shake off winter and dive into all the energy of spring. Music, dance, kids activities, collective art project, hula hoops, reflective moments, taco food truck, and specialty drinks, all collaborate with a neighborhood of folks who have begun attending these great events. It's a moment for us to showcase our amazing site and all the opportunities that help create healthy community life. Doors open at 4:30 pm.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of comfort for Pam Ruh and her family in the passing of Bob Ruh.

Prayers for healing for Joan Stevenson, recovering from a series of falls and broken bones.

Prayers of healing for Lauren Styles.

An Invitation to Greet

We want to "put our best foot forward" to people who are coming to services, and having designated greeters insures that arriving folks are always met with someone who expresses delight in seeing them. When you walk into a room, isn't it a wonderful feeling when someone's eyes light up just to have you there? That's what our greeting program is all about. No training needed — just be yourself. We need more greeters to sign up for Sundays when they'll be here and can provide this much-appreciated service. You arrive by 9:10, and are done by 9:30. If you can help, please let Martin Morley know. martin@oslc.net

Event Hosts Needed at Creekside Commons

We are looking for a few people who may be interested in hosting events at Creekside Commons in the future! If interested, please click on link below to see the responsibilities and compensation! Contact the Creekside Commons Site Use Coordinator Kari at 925-283-3724 or email kari@oslc.net. Check out This Week for more information.



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New Bridge Class Begins

Monday, April 10th | 10:00 - 12:00

You are invited to join the Contra Costa Bridge Center for a new "BASIC BIDDING" class starting Monday, April 10 and running 8 sessions until June 5, (No class Memorial Day, May 29). This class will be held in Oakview 1 at Creekside Commons.

This class is open to new players and to those who may have taken one or more classes and would appreciate a review. If you or your friends may benefit from this class, please contact Deb Rechnitz at drechnitz@comcast.net or 925-360-1330 to register and for any questions.

Historical Look at Education with Peggy Magilen

Oakview 3

Today! 12-2pm

"This is a broad historical look at how education has echoed societal outlook, from indigenous connection to our current great challenges, and how education can help recover well-being."

Main Hall and Kitchen Rental

Have an event or special occasion coming up? OSLC Members get our non-profit rate of \$300 for the use of both spaces for up to 4 hours!

**Email Kari@oslc.net
or call 925-283-3724**

