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9:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "Just as I Am" LSB# 570 vv. 1,3,4

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, sight, riches, healing of mind
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made Heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Rock of Ages" LSB# 761 vv. 1,2,3

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and blood, from Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill Thy Laws demands
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and Thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, remind us of the power of leaving judgment in Your hands. Calm our anger and thirst for our own justice. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Judges 16:23-31

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 6:9-11

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:20-24

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to: St. Luke, The 21st Chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: “I’m But a Stranger Here” LSB# 748

I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home
Earth is a desert drear, Heav’n is my home
Danger and sorrow stand, round me on ev’ry hand
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home

What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav’n is my home
And time’s wild wintry blast, soon shall be overpast
I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home

Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home
Whate're my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home
And I shall surely stand, there at my Lord's right hand
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales
"Samson: Week Five"

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Dear gracious and Heavenly Father, we come before You with praise for the blessing of life and worth, and we pray that all might experience the dignity of their being at all times. We pray for the end of tyrannical governments, leaders who impose their will and override freedom, and the banishment of ways that conflict with Your path. We pray for justice, that all would not be subject to punishments not of their doing.

We pray for respect, peace, and civility in the midst of differing opinions. We pray for leaders and those seeking elected leadership to cease in their attempts at division through their campaigns.

Lord, as a church, we plead for our community and the continued apathy toward worship. We pray that Your Spirit would move mightily in our area, that many would be stirred to return to Your House in the coming weeks. May revival in this land start now.

Bless the children who are faithful in reading Your Word and wanting to know more about You. Allow for questions to find answers, and those wanting to serve to find opportunities.

Be with our partner churches leading up to Easter, as they seek to welcome many in the neighborhoods around them.

For those traveling over the next few weeks, Lord we pray safety and security be granted to them.

We humbly submit to You those that need healing (especially...). We pray for their relief and restoration.

For these and all prayers lifted to You from churches around the world, Lord we join the chorus of those seeking Your favor. May our prayers find swift answer from You, and heal this world and show Your compassion. Hear us all, for the sake of Jesus, as we pray these prayers and in obedience pray as He has taught, praying...

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you always through His unfailing love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB# 895

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



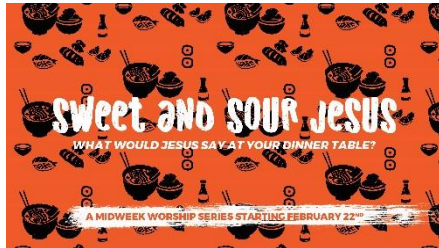
TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY DAWN ZIEMER, IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER FATHER.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND NOTE THE EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE:

- April 2 – COSLC Palm Sunday Worship 9 am and 11 am (Spanish)
- April 6 – COSLC Maundy Thursday Worship Noon and 7 pm
- April 7 – COSLC Good Friday Worship Noon and 7 pm
- April 9 – COSLC Easter Worship 9 am and 11 am (Spanish)

PLEASE NOTE: NEXT WEEK (PALM SUNDAY) THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS THAT WILL GRACE OUR ALTAR ON EASTER! The offering is used by our Altar Guild to purchase Easter lilies and flowers. Members can take home a plant after the Easter worship service to enjoy or share with others.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: PICTURE DAY IS EASTER SUNDAY! Following our 9 am worship service, we will be taking pictures of our congregation, which will later be displayed. This will give everyone a chance to place names with the faces we see in church that we might not yet know.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR PARTNER CHURCH, WORD OF LIFE (NAPERVILLE) FOR THEIR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES! Their services are live this year and the sermon series is "Sweet and Sour Jesus," where Pastor Schoon explores various dinner events Jesus was invited to or led and the lessons that He was able to teach during them. Services are livestreamed on their Facebook page and their YouTube page Wednesday nights at 7pm.

Word of Life Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wolnaperville

Word of Life YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@wordoflifenaperville1901/streams>

You can also find a link to the Word of Life YouTube Channel on the COSLC Web site Home Page (right column below archived church bulletins).

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

June DuBois

Dave Larson

Tim, Ron Plusquellec's son, and son-in-law, Ned

Dianne and Cindy, Shirley Dring's daughters

Pat Gengler

Donna Klomhaus

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

Wil Dring, serving at Camp David in the marines

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 9 AM SERVICE TO HELP WITH

AUDIO/VISUALS! Now that we have an advanced audio-visual system in place to offer high-end, quality livestreaming of our services, we could use more volunteers to help with various tasks, such as camera operations, audio monitoring and slide production and projection for Sunday services. Training will be provided! Interested? Please see Pastor Jesus for more information.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS! If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water are provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS – If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion – and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY! If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include boxed cereals, all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. You can also post prayer requests on the Christ Our Savior facebook page under "Comments," or contact Deb Odefey (630-209-9918) if you would like them added to our Prayer Chain.



MOVIE NIGHTS ARE COMING TO CHRIST OUR SAVIOR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The first movie night will be held on **Friday, April 28th**, and we will be showing "The Passion of Christ." You won't want to miss this riveting story of Christ and His crucifixion! Stay tuned... more details to come!



JOIN NEW SONG CHURCH ON MAY 6 FOR A MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER-FRIEND LUNCHEON AND TEA! Our partner church, New Song Community Church in Aurora, has invited Christ Our Savior to their spring women's event on **Saturday, May 6, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.** The luncheon and tea will feature real china, lovely food, girly games and music. Julaine Kammrath will be the guest speaker. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, former teacher, respected Bible study leader and author of two books published by

Concordia Publishing House. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children. If there is interest, we may reserve a Christ Our Savior table at the event. We can provide transportation. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a lovely time with your family and friends, hear a wonderful uplifting message, and have a chance to meet other women and girls from our partnership churches! If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. Questions? Contact Deb Odefey or pastor.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Fund	February 2023	2023 YTD
Missions	\$110.00	\$190.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$123.00	\$228.00
Blessing Box	\$20.00	\$40.00
Parsonage Fund	\$100.00	\$150.00
Animal Shelter	\$30.00	\$60.00
Benevolent Fund	\$20.00	\$40.00

We thank our members for their generosity in contributing to these special funds!