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9:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "God Himself is Present" – LSB # 907

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone, On His throne
Is our God and Savior; Praise His Name forever!

God himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear, To us here: Hear,
O Christ, the praises, That Your church now raises.

Fount of every blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will, Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial, As the hosts celestial!

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that we are 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 Jesus, forgive us all our sins.

Pastor: God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and for His sake, does forgive us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce His grace to you, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Once He Came in Blessing” – LSB # 333

Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us, With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven.
Pledge of peace here given, Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour, When with mighty power,
Christ will come in splendor, And with judgment render
With the faithful sharing, Joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You, Till in heav'n we bless You.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, help us make the right decisions and not to act in vengeance or wrath. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Judges 15:1-16

After some days, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his wife with a young goat. And he said, “I will go in to my wife in the chamber.” But her father would not allow him to go in. And her father said, “I really thought that you utterly hated her, so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister more beautiful than she? Please take her instead.” And Samson said to them, “This time I shall be innocent in regard to the Philistines, when I do them harm.” So Samson went and caught 300 foxes and took torches. And he turned them tail to tail and put a torch between each pair of tails. And when he had set fire to the torches, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines and set fire to the stacked grain and the standing grain, as well as the olive orchards. Then the Philistines said, “Who has done this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion.” And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire. And Samson said to them, “If this is what you do, I swear I will be avenged on you, and after that I will quit.” And he struck them hip and thigh with a great blow, and he went down and stayed in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

Then the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah and made a raid on Lehi. And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They said, “We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he did to us.” Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so have I done to them.” And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not attack me yourselves.” They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands. We will surely not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men. And Samson said, “With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey have I struck down a thousand men.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 19:19-21

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:44-50

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to: St. John, The 12th Chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

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: "Jesus Shall Reign" – LSB # 832, vv. 1, 2 and 4

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales
"Samson: Week Three"

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 Heavenly Father, we pray this day that You would include all of us in Your plans for this world. Reveal to us our part, that we might rejoice in all You have for us.

Be with our children, families, and neighbors, that they might find joy in You and Your ways.

Bless the preparations we have made to celebrate with all peoples Your glory given on Easter Sunday. Revive us with the power of the Resurrection.

Reveal our sins to us, that we might repent and know the freedom of forgiveness.

Heal all who are sick, (especially...), that they would find the relief they seek.

Care for all as they are Your children. Enrich their lives with all Your goodness.

Bring Your Word to the nations, that they would find the path unto salvation and the strength to endure what the world brings.

For these prayers and all other prayers that are on our hearts, hear us and answer with Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus who taught us all to pray...

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 grant you strength to do His will and to stray from sin at all times. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

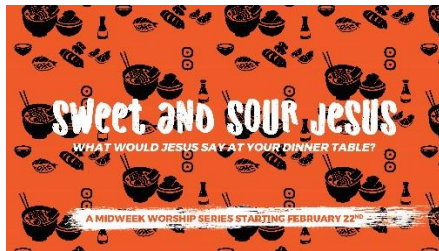


PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND NOTE THE EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE:

- 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)

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 get to know both new and old faces a bit better, and place names with the faces we see in church that we might not yet know.

TODAY IS WEEK THREE OF THE 5-WEEK SERMON SERIES ON SAMSON – Be sure to follow each week's message to learn more about Samson, who was a legendary Israelite warrior and judge, a member of the tribe of Dan, and a Nazirite. His immense physical strength, which he used for 20 years against the Philistines, was derived from his uncut hair. Learn how his struggles and challenges also have meaning to us today.



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/@wordoflifnaperville1901/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).

COMING THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH – AN IMPORTANT SERVANT EVENT! Please consider giving your time to a servant opportunity being sponsored by our partnership churches. This will give you an opportunity to work alongside with other members at Word of Life and New Song churches as we offer charitable support to this very worthwhile organization!

- **Saturday, March 18 – 9am to 1 pm – OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**, 1989 University Lane, Suite A, Lisle. Fifteen spots for volunteers were reserved to assemble and pack kits for our troops. **Thank you to everyone who brought supplies to help fill the kits for our troops!** Questions? Please see Pastor Jesus for more information. There is still time to sign-up!

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.

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

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

Dave Larson
Dianne and Cindy, Shirley Dring's daughters
June DuBois
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

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!



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!