

Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN

Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 25, 2026

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.



Meet Me in Galilee

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Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with
paper lace overlay

The good news is... **rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness**

Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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Prayer of the Day

Holy One, when you speak, we don't want to miss it. When you bend down and write in the dirt, when you move through the trees, when you wake with the dawn, when you tug on our heart, or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it. So we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears. Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today. With hope we pray. Amen.

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)

Reading

Care for our neighbors is care for Christ

Matthew 13:31-32

Artist's Reflection

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)

Prayer Around the Cross

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

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Concluding Prayer

God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and the peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation.

Amen.

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.

Song

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.
2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.
3. You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Blessing

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, **speak with love.**

When you meet fear, **speak with hope.**

When you meet pain, **speak with gentleness.**

But no matter what, **speak this good news.**

For the good news of the gospel is

love and justice for all.

It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so we go forth speaking.

For if you won't, then who will?

Thanks be to God for this good, good news.

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

A greeting of peace may be shared by all.

