

Dear Living Saviour,

Sunday, March 9, 2025 Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.

In person or on-line <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE> w
or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.



(Tom Chriske)

Serving as worship leaders today:

Assisting Ministers – **Alex Hatcher**

Crucifer— **Jackson Thom**

Acolyte— **Henry Schwab**

Thanks to all who serve God and our community of faith.

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REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9th!
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LENTEN INFORMATION

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays, March 12th—April 9th

5:15 p.m.—Soup dinner

6:00 p.m.—Worship

A sign-up sheet for soup and bread is on the front lobby table.

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship—April 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship—April 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship—April 18th at 6:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY INFORMATION

Easter Day Worship—April 20th at 10:30 a.m.

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THANK YOU LIVING SAVIOUR –

Do you remember that a couple of months ago Frank & Kathy DeLoache relayed a request from Smithfield Elementary for assistance with beds and a washer/dryer for a family from the school who was trying to get back on their feet?

Your generosity matters for the “least of these.”

Dear Frank,

Thank you so much for orchestrating support for one of our families here at Smithfield. The family is so incredibly grateful for everything.

The washer and dryer "are life savers."

Thank you again for your help with them! It has changed SO MUCH.

Wendy Culp
Smithfield Elementary School Counselor
3200 Smithfield Church Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28210

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It's time to order Easter lilies to enhance our Easter worship! The cost of the plants this year will be \$15.00. Please complete the form found on the table in the narthex and put it in the offering plate along with your payment, indicating “for Easter lilies or turn it into Ruth at the church office. If you use Simply Giving please indicate “Easter Lilies”.

THE ORDER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 17th.

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SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS ~

NOTE: Ash Wednesday is March 5th. During Lent, there will be no altar flowers.

However, if you would like to give altar flowers beginning with Easter and beyond, call or email Ruth at the church office 704-542-3626 to sign up: M-F, 9-2. Not sure if someone has already signed up? The 2025 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway. Your \$50 donation may be dropped off on Sundays, mailed, or by using the on-line giving. Please just note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.

Online: The **2025** online flower donation chart may be found here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-50072720-2025#/>

MUSIC MINISTRY

FESTIVAL CHOIR. Would you like to experience the joy of singing in the choir but don't have time to do so regularly. Here's your chance! Consider joining choir for the remainder of Lent and/or for Easter Sunday to form what we refer to as the Festival Choir. You would be a welcome addition to our merry group of singers. All are welcome. Need info? Talk to Don!

THE CHOIR IS REHEARSING DURING LENT FOLLOWING THE WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE. FESTIVAL CHOIR PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE REHEARSALS (AS ARE ANY WHO WISH TO SING IN THE CHOIR ALL THE TIME!!)

THE ALLELUIA RINGERS WILL REHEARSE ON ANNOUNCED SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR 45 MINUTES.

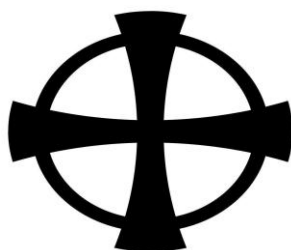
NEXT WEEK'S NOISY OFFERING will be given to Samaritan House. Samaritan House creates a home for their guests, providing short-term medical respite care for individuals

who are unsheltered or unstably housed and in need of recuperative care. They offer more than housing—they ensure access to medical care, support and love.

CALLING ALL WELCA! (That's women of the ELCA)!

Our Spring Gathering date is yet to be set but it will be at A Mighty Fortress in Charlotte, and you are invited. On Committee Day, we all got a sneak peek at the program Wonder Watchers (and there are props, too). So, keep your eyes open for a *Save the Date!* notice soon.

FAITH FORMATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:



ADULTS - 9:15 am in the Education Wing

Adult Class:

The Adult class will review an ELCA Social Message: Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy. All are welcome to join!!

The message can be found

at [https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government and Civic Engagement Social Message.pdf](https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf)

CHILDREN - 9:30 am Downstairs

Children (ages 2 years through 5th grade) will have Bible stories and hands-on experiences that support the story. Parent(s) are welcome to join in the class!

Middle/High School

Confirmation/Catechism – What's up with Luther?

- 1st Sunday during Sunday School time

Gospel According to Pixar

- 1st Sunday following worship (Lunch provided) – Next up: Monsters, Inc. and Love & Fear

4th Sunday Hang-out

- We'll gather at the Waxhaw Skatepark (4:00-6:00). Details to follow
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THANK YOU FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF

The church staff wishes to express appreciation for the generous financial Christmas gift given to us by the congregation. It is a joy and privilege to share in mission with you here in this community of faith.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Sara

Don Huff

Nancy Mersereau

Carla Gearheart

Ruth Mayes



2025 Bishop's Bible Study

Bishop Tim Smith will offer an online Bible study on the book of Revelation during Lent this year—specifically, the five Thursdays beginning March 13 and concluding on April 10—from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. If you have any questions regarding registration, email Lexi at lbarnhill@nclutheran.org.

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/240076536877062>

GATHERING@theTABLE

Gathering@theTable is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be on March 13th and 27th .

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### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

"Fight Like Jesus" By Jason Porterfield. How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week.

March 12 - Chapter 4

March 19 - Chapter 5

March 26 - Chapter 6

April 2 - Chapter 7

April 9 - Chapter 8

No class during Holy Week April 16.

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### **HEALTH AND WHOLENESS MINISTRY G.R.A.C.E. INFORMATION:**



### **HEALTH AND WHOLENESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Save the date – on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, an Alzheimer's Awareness seminar will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Excellent speakers, question and answer opportunities, vendor tables with resources are all included. More details to come!

### **Active Exercise Opportunities:**

- Yoga For You:
  - Mondays - 6:15 p.m.

- Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m.
- Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
- Saturdays - 10:00 a.m.
- Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Strength and Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

## March 2025 Health and Wholeness Tip #2 H/W ministry team.

The Health and Wholeness focus for March is Control of Diabetes Type 2.

Symptoms of diabetes are excessive thirst and hunger, unusually frequent peeing, and low energy. Other symptoms may be blurry vision, slow healing wounds, and numbness of hands and feet. Blood work and a checkup by your doctor should be done if these symptoms occur.

Jeremiah 30:17 For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds.

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## SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND FOOD DONATIONS—HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Host** coffee hour. Please sign up on the Sunday(s) you'd serve. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table in the gallery.
  - **Bring food** to share for the coffee hour (which is too often in short supply).
  - The coffee hour is an **important part of our Ministry of hospitality**, something we can all share in.
  - **Note to our devoted coffee makers:** Thank you for your help in making Sunday morning coffee! It is very much appreciated and enjoyed both before and after Worship.
  - There are labeled plastic containers on the counter next to the coffee machine for keeping several packages.
  - If you believe there are any supplies needed, please leave a note for Ruth on her desk with your name or contact Alice Jenkins. Thank you!
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### **HELP WITH LAWN CARE:**

**We need some volunteers to help with taking care of our lawn. If you can help and be part of the "rotation," please contact Janet Axtman. Thank you!**

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### **DAILY DEVOTIONAL AIDS**

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, *THE WORD IN SEASON*,** are available on the welcome table where worship folders are located. The January-March 2025 Word In Season devotional is now available. If you'd like one sent to you, please contact Ruth at the church office.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS, *TAKING FAITH HOME (TFH)*** are available on an attachment in the weekly email you receive from the church office.

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### **LOST AND FOUND!**

Did you leave something at the church, maybe? We have a 'lost and found' drawer underneath the name tags counter in the Fellowship Hall, as well as some items on the round table in the church office.

**MARCH NEWSLETTER COPIES** are available outside the sanctuary on the table beside the building exit door. The newsletter is mailed to members monthly, but a few hard copies are available for those who prefer them.

**REMINDER FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:** We will be 'zeroing' the whiteboard and weekly prayer lists on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you would like to have someone added onto the prayer list moving forward, please make sure you do one of the following:

- Add the name(s) on the white board
- Email the church office
- Email Alice Jenkins

Thank you!

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**COUNTERS NEEDED!** If you are interested in assisting with counting contributions after service, please contact Laura Schwab (980-229-3900 or [laboatwright@gmail.com](mailto:laboatwright@gmail.com)). The task can usually be completed in less than 30 minutes.



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## YOUR OFFERINGS:

You may use this QR code to make an on-line payment. It will take you to the church VANCO on-line payment portal.



You may also access on-line giving through the website, click the on-line giving button to pay for flowers, make an offering to the general operating fund, or support the on-going outreach opportunities. Indicate in the line what your gift is directed towards.

You may also mail your gift to the church. Clearly state on the memo line what the check is to be used for-- General Fund, Mortgage Reduction or other purpose (such as Flowers, Special

Day, etc.).

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