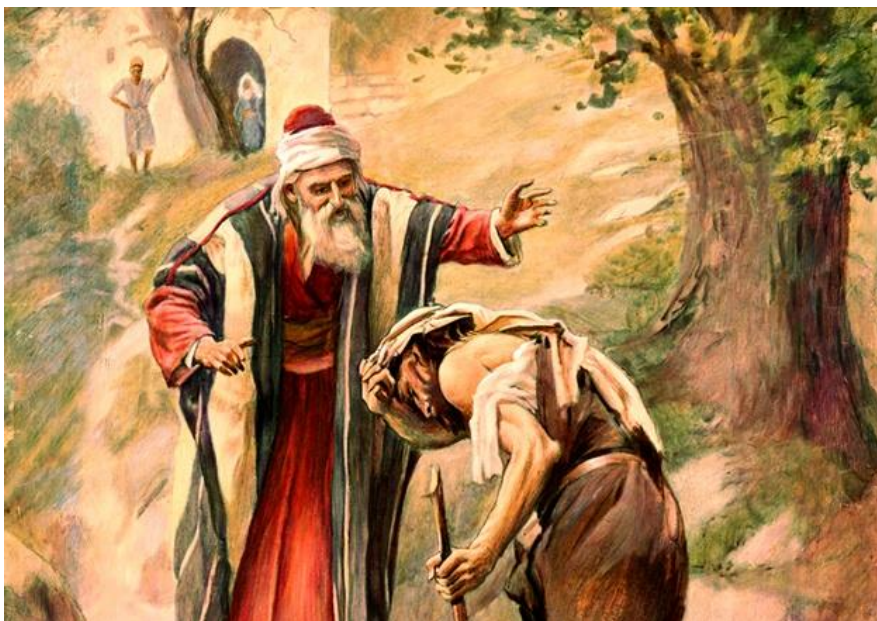


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Roger & Carol Pluedeman in celebration of Nolan's birthday. Happy Birthday Nolan!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

New Life Today

March 31, 2019

AS WE GATHER

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift; that's why we call it the present." This short statement speaks volumes about our new life in Christ. Yesterday is history—in Christ, all our sins have been paid for, forgiven, and cast away as far as the east is from the west. Tomorrow is a mystery—not only do we not know the day or hour of Christ's glorious return, but we also have no guarantees about what will happen in our lives mere moments from now. Today is a gift—the present time is indeed a gift, a present, from our gracious Father. He mercifully comes running to His prodigal children and embraces us in His arms. His love picks us up and places us into the nail-scarred hands of His Son, Jesus Christ, who puts to death our old lives, which were once lived without Him, and freely gives to us our new lives, which are now fully lived in and through Him.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Cantabile"; "Allegro" from Concerto in D minor; "Adagio"; (Vivaldi)
Flute – Becky Shifra; Piano – Marlene Rieck

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

OPENING VERSICLES *Isaiah 12:2*

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

People: **for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalms 32:1–2, 5, 10b–11*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: That we may receive the blessing of Christ's forgiveness, let us draw near to God, confessing the brokenness of our sin and receiving the fullness of our Father's mercy.
Together, we pray:

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, almighty God, our merciful Father has declared you to be His children and has gathered you into His family, the Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. This new life is yours today! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

People: **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN “There is A Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

REFRAIN

**Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **REFRAIN**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. **REFRAIN 2X**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: **Grant that we may daily receive Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and live as those You have made new; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 12:1–6* (The Lord God has become my salvation.)

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21* (In Christ, the old has passed away, and the new has come.)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11–32* (The father embraces his prodigal son.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

SERMON “Who is this all about, anyway?” Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

CREED *Nicene Creed* (*Creed can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING "Aria" (Bach) Flute & Piano

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636 v. 1-4

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to be strengthened and renewed in the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation that we have here received.

People: **Help us to leave our past behind, and guide us forward each day by grace until that day we behold You face-to-face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Isaiah 12:2*

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

People: **for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Confident of our salvation, let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528

POSTLUDE

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Don Secord, Pat Crum
Late – Brad Anderson, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Jean Walker, Mark Olson, Jim Bonson, Glenn Finger
Late – Rick & Karen Behrens, RJ Behrens, Denise Riemer |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Robin Nikolaus
Late – Joan Holdmann, Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Rick Behrens |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Cameron Birchbauer
Late – |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Mike Rieck
Late – Dave Parker |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Joyce Rawlins, Marge Baerenwald |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour –
Late Service – |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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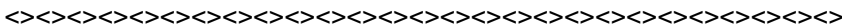
This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 01 | |
| Tuesday | 02 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters |
| Wednesday | 03 | 4:30 pm Lenten Service
5:15 pm Lenten Dinner
6:30 pm Lenten Service |
| Thursday | 04 | 6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Friday | 05 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 06 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 07 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 86, Late: 136, Communion: 123, Sunday Bible Study: 21, Sunday School: 33,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 4, Tuesday Bible Study: 12

ACTUAL to DATE (as of February 28, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 51,046.89 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 48,233.77 |
| BALANCE | \$ 2,813.12 |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

31 – Paula Hagen **1** – Ashlin Messner, Perry Pokrandt **2** – Ken Holdmann, Wesley Levan
5 – Hunter Behnke, Woody Eno

Anniversaries:

1 – Dave & Jackie Peterson



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Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Rick Behnke Family, Jacqueline Jansen, Carol Litchfield,
Roger & Bonnie Olson, Alison Sauvola, Brian & Shawn Uttech*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions” tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Our **“Words to Live By”** radio broadcast is one of our greatest tools for Evangelism. This certainly is in keeping with God's command to “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) This program has touched many people. We have received many good comments and responses to these, a lot from people of other denominations and churches as well as from guests and visitors. We need your help to keep this program operating. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway (between the narthex and fellowship hall) for anyone who wishes to sponsor one broadcast - or a week - or a Saturday. What a perfect way to honor someone's birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. It could be a memorial or “Thanks to God for His blessings.”

Nursery Director Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex.

A Text Database Is Being Created - In order to reach out to our members through the many methods available today, we are working on creating a database of cellular numbers in order that we may reach you through a text message. This may be for emergency notification, board meetings, or just a Bible verse for the day. Although we may already have your cellular number, there is a specific code from your cellular provider that is needed to enable us to send out mass text messages from a computer. Therefore, please text your name to oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com. Thank you!

We Need One More Number From You - You may recall one Sunday last April, we were hit with a snow storm. Many churches in our area were closed due to the weather, and very few members showed up for worship here. Following discussion at an elders meeting, we have decided to partner up with a company to provide a phone blast to our members to let you know if worship has been cancelled due to the weather. We will use the home phone number which we have on record to reach you. If you would rather have us contact your cell phone, please contact the church office to let us know which number you would like to be notified at. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Endowment Fund grant proposal - Please note that all applications must be turned into the church office no later than March 31, 2019.

Easter Flowers – Please note forms and payment are due today, March 31st. There are blank forms at the Welcome Center.

Lenten Offerings - During Lent we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and we respond by loving others as He has loved us. One way to love others is through our Lent mission offerings. This year we are supporting Bethesda Lutheran Communities with our offerings and prayers. Bethesda is a leading provider of person-centered and community-based services that enhance the lives of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities around the country and throughout the world. Bethesda offers residential and supported-living services, faith and ministry supports, education and training resources, and employment assistance. Through all this they share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you would like to help, please use a designated offering envelope and mark it "Bethesda". There are also special envelopes at the welcome center that you can use for this specific offering. Thank you for your gifts of love!

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Pie on Palm Sunday - Our Sunday school students collected over \$200 for our Hearts for Jesus mission project for Camp Luther. Because we met our goal, Pastor will take a pie to the face after the 10 am worship service on Palm Sunday. Come for the fun and a piece of pie!