

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
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## 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 at the Welcome Center.

**Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **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 8 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 (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are presented to the Glory of God by Kim & Martin Sauer in celebration of daughter Jamie's birthday. Happy Birthday Jamie!

# UNLESS YOU ARE BORN ANEW

## AS WE GATHER

That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?" Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

## + PREPARATION +

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** "There is a Redeemer" (arr. Bettcher) JuBELLation Choir

## 571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

And God spoke these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." *Exodus 20:1-3*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalms 121:1–2; Philippians 1:6*

**P** From where does my help come?  
**G** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father:  
**G** 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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.  
**P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**G** Amen.

## + WORD +

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 12:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalms 121; antiphon: v. 8*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . . <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 566 BY GRACE I’M SAVED

sts. 1, 3–4, 6

**SERMON** “All this for me?” Genesis 12:1-9

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

**OFFERING** “The Lamb” (arr. Geschke)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**G** Amen.

***Late Service please continue with the Sacrament***

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

# 918 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

**POSTLUDE** “Prelude & Fugue in D minor” (Bach)

## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom 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 195*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 198*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## + DISTRIBUTION +

**BELLS**      “We Come to the Table”      (Hakes)

## 732 ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

*sts. 1–2, 5–6*

## 801 HOW GREAT THOU ART

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise that You called Abraham to be the servant of Your promise and our father in faith. We plead with Nicodemus to grant us Your grace that we be born anew in Baptism and inherit the Kingdom You have prepared for Your people. Guard our hearts against every pride and evil. Build within us the humility of faith, that we love You above all things and walk in Your ways faithfully to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**POSTLUDE**      “Prelude & Fugue in D minor”      (Bach)

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## IN HIS SERVICE

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Elder/Helper</u>    | Early – Jim Bonson<br>Late – Jacob Husing, Ron Ritzer                                                 |
| <u>Ushers</u>          | Early – Jim & Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto<br>Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ray Hutts, Pat & Jan Grosse |
| <u>Greeters</u>        | Early – Debbie Holewinski<br>Late – Dawn Shantz                                                       |
| <u>Readers</u>         | Early – Mary Malinsky<br>Late – Cindy Gauger                                                          |
| <u>Acolytes</u>        | Early – EJ Apfel<br>Late – RJ Behrens                                                                 |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jonah Walker<br>Late – Rick Behrens                                                           |
| <u>Altar Care</u>      | – Mandy Rottier, Carol Pluedeman, Penny Finger                                                        |
| <u>Nursery</u>         | – Education Hour – Mandy Kersten<br>Late Service – Brenda Husing                                      |

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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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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9</b>  | 10:00 am Staff Meeting<br>5:30 pm Evangelism Meeting<br>6:30 pm Praise & Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10</b> | 6:00 pm JuBELLation<br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>11</b> | 9:00 am Quilters<br>10:00 am Aging with Grace<br>10:30 am Martha Board<br>11:30 Martha Meeting<br>3:50 pm Grades 1-8 Choir<br>4:30 pm Lenten Service<br>5:15 pm Lenten Dinner<br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm HS Youth Group<br>6:30 pm Lenten Service<br>7:00 pm Elders Meeting |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>1:00 PM Stewardship Meeting<br>5:45 pm Back in the Swing                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>13</b> | Office Closed<br>6:30 – 8:30 pm Mother/Daughter Retreat                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>14</b> | 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Mother/Daughter Retreat<br>7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>15</b> | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available<br>10:00 am Worship – Nursery Available                                                                                                                |



**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 82, Communion: 74, Late: 153, Sunday Bible Study: 30, Sunday School: 36, Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study: 5, Tuesday Bible Study: 22, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 6, Thursday Evening Bible Study: 10



**God’s richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!**

**Birthdays:**

**10** – Karen Winterkorn, Bob Popp   **11** – Daisy Campbell, Jamie Sauer   **12** – Amy Kufahl  
**13** – Rebecca Schutt   **14** – Bailey Mayo, Jim Bonson, Sharon Gifford

**Anniversaries:**

**12** – Buzz & Sue Getzel



**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!

*Jack Baer, John Eggleston Family, George Hintz, Steve & Jackie Kolling,  
Nicole Mai, David & Lynn Parker, Dolores Schneider, Brian Voss*

**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](mailto:oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com) is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions’ tab.

**Watch Us On Facebook** - You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

**Stewardship Corner** - “*Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith,*” (Hebrews 12:2) has already won the victory over sin for us. It still remains to us, however, to continue to fight for the faith, refusing to let sin reign in our bodies. The Apostle Paul tells us to “*count [ourselves] dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*” By God’s grace, sin no longer is our master. We are new creatures who “*offer the parts of [our bodies] to Him as instruments of righteousness . . . because [we] are not under law, but under grace*” (Romans 6:11-14).

**Could You Help?** - Our Altar Guild is in need of new members. What does the Altar Guild do? Our Altar Guild prepares our altar for worship including the linens and candles as well as preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry. Training is provided and the opportunity to serve with friends in our church family. Please contact our church office if interested or if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Veterans** - Are you a veteran of the armed forces? Please give your name, branch of the military, and years of service to the church office. Thank you for sharing so we may thank you for your service!

***Do The Screens Help You?*** Here at Our Savior, we are blessed to have the opportunity to incorporate technology in our worship services to bring God's Word to you. Through audio and visual means, the love of Christ can be shared within these walls and out into the world. To utilize the gifts we have, we need your help! We are in need of people who are willing to help run the PowerPoint slides and work with our video streaming. We have set up the system in such a way that it is easy to run and difficult to mess up. If you would like to see these gifts continued to be used in our worship services, please give yourself the opportunity to learn and lend a hand. Contact the church office or Pastor Kufahl if you can help.

***Easter Food Basket Program*** - In John 21:17 Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." We have a partnership with Jesus in his work on earth. He wants us to feed his sheep not only with physical food but also with the food of life that only Jesus can provide. Which is why the Easter Food Basket Program is so important. Families in need not only receive a bag of food to prepare their own Easter meal, but they also receive information on various programs and events here at Our Savior. What a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus. The Board, with the help of The Martha Society, has some of the funds needed to implement this outreach program but more is needed. Please help by placing a donation in the Easter basket located at the Welcome Center. You can also make your donation by using one of your designated offering envelopes, just be sure to mark "Easter Basket" on the outside. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

***Lenten Series*** - This Wednesday our midweek theme is "Sleepy Eyes". In Gethsemane, Jesus' inner circle of Peter, James and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father's will is that He drink the cup of God's wrath when He comes to the "hour" of His suffering. Let us thank Him for He suffered in our place. You are invited to our midweek services on Wednesdays at 4:30 or 6:30 pm with supper served at 5:15 pm. Blessings on your Lenten journey!

***Lent Mission Project*** - As we consider Jesus' sacrifice for us, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. This year our Lenten offerings will be given to Mission Central. Mission Central supports LC-MS missionaries throughout the world financially and through prayer. On Sunday, May 3rd, someone from Mission Central will visit us to share more about their ministry. See the display in the narthex for more information and to give offerings. Place your offerings in the container of the person you would like to see take a pie to the face on May 3rd!

***Vacation Bible School!*** - As you make summer plans, please save July 27th-30th (9 am to noon) for VBS! Kids, ages 4-11, are invited to this action packed week as we race around the world in "The Incredible Race" VBS! As we enjoy fun activities and time with friends, we will learn that we are all part of one family and one race, the human race, and we have one Savior, Jesus Christ. Don't miss it! Volunteers (age 12+) are needed. Please contact Marlene Rieck if you would like to help.

***Easter Cards*** - The Martha Society has an assortment of Easter cards for sale in the fellowship hall.

***Praise & Worship*** - Our next praise and worship rehearsal is Monday, March 9th, at 6:30 pm in preparation for worship on Sunday, March 15th. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!

***Thank you*** – I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during Arnie's illness and all the beautiful cards and generous memorials after his passing. It is a blessing to belong to such a wonderful church family. Dolores Schneider

***Dear Church Family*** – Donn & I would like to thank all those who prayed for us this week. Donn is on the road to recovery with the healing grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and all our angel friends. Donn & Cindy Gauger

