

Third 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 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, 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 (9-12th 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 Roger & Carol Pluedeman in celebration of Nolan & Edward's birthdays. Happy Birthday Nolan & Edward!

GRACE TO ALL WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY

AS WE GATHER

God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

+ PREPARATION +

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lord, Have Mercy"

(Solo)

*Jesus, I've forgotten the Words that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim;
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.*

REFRAIN *(Worship Team & Congregation)*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me;
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.**

(Solo)

*I have built an altar where I worship things of man;
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You;
So now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.* **REFRAIN**

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end;
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. **REFRAIN 2X**
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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.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 95; Romans 5:1, 8

P In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.
The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

C Almighty Lord, our Creator, we confess to You we forget Your power and might, fail to trust in Your ever-providing hands, and are found lacking in our managing of this world You formed.

- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
- C** **Almighty Lord, our Maker and Shepherd, we confess we like sheep have gone astray, listening to other voices of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P** Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.” Therefore I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.”
- C** **Almighty Lord, like those You sent wandering in the wilderness, we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In this Lenten season as we journey closer to His cross, God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,
- C** **Christ died for us.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen. Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

+ WORD +

SONG OF PRAISE “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand; (*2nd time go to ending*)
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

ENDING

Nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a

spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Rock of Ages” LSB 761

SERMON “Squeezing Water from a Rock” Exodus 17:1-7

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

OFFERING “Amazing Love” (Foote) Trio

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord have mercy.

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING SENTENCES

Romans 5:1, 6, 8, adapted

P Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

C we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P For while we were still weak,

C at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

P While we were still sinners,

C Christ died for us.

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.

CLOSING SONG “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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+ SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

“Once Again”

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I’ve wondered at Your gift of life,
And I’m in that place once again. I’m in that place once again.

CHORUS

**Once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I’m humbled by Your mercy and I’m broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.**

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens where one day I’ll bow.
But for now, I marvel at Your saving grace;
And I’m full of praise once again. I’m full of praise once again. **CHORUS**

Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend. **CHORUS**

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“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us? How vast beyond all measure?
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.
Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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IN HIS SERVICE

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Early – Dick Cherney, Jim Bonson Late – Don Secord
<u>Ushers</u>	Early – Marv Jarvis, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Bob Merz Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter
<u>Greeters</u>	Early – Kris Secord Late – Hilde Becker
<u>Readers</u>	Early – Mark Olson Late – Priscilla Ellenberger
<u>Acolytes</u>	Early – Cameron Birchbauer Late – Nicholas Boxrucker
<u>Media Operators</u>	Early – Jonah Walker Late –
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Mandy Rottier, Carol Pluedeman, Penny Finger
<u>Nursery</u>	– Education Hour – Mandy Kersten Late Service – Amy Kufahl

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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 | 16 | 10:00 am Staff Meeting |
| Tuesday | 17 | 9:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm JuBELLation
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 18 | 9:00 am Quilters
10:00 am Aging with Grace
4:00 pm WOW
4:30 pm Lenten Service
5:15 pm Lenten Dinner
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm HS Youth Group
6:30 pm Lenten Service |
| Thursday | 19 | 5:45 pm Back in the Swing |
| Friday | 20 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 21 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 22 | 7:30 am Worship
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion – Nursery Available |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 73, Late: 118, Communion: 97, Sunday Bible Study: 21, Sunday School: 32,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 6, Tuesday Bible Study: NA, Wednesday Morning
Bible Study: 5, Thursday Evening Bible Study: NA



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

Birthdays:

15 – Brandon Messner, David Kopanski **16** – Grant Lukas, Kathy Greif, Marilyn Versh
17 – Mitch Campbell, Nicole Popp, Steve Meyer **19** – Dave Mohrman, Deana Lindbom
20 – Jon Sell **21** – Joanne Luebke, Julie LaFriske

Anniversaries:

21 – Willie & Debbie Lorenz



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!

*Gerald Baerenwald, Siera Eggleston, Nancy Hoelz, Dennis & Georgia Kolowith,
Ashley Mai, Benjamin Parling Family, Don & Diane Schoessow, Cindy 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 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 - “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Without question, Jesus is the Chief Steward. None can compare to His example of selflessness and giving. He laid aside His rights as Son of God in order to be the Son of Man. He was willing to endure ignominious death on the cross so that we could be rescued from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He taught us to think and live a new way – as servants who are available to serve, not to be served.

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!

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

Easter Flowers – The last day to order Easter flowers is Sunday March 22, 2020. There are extra order forms in the track rack and at the Welcome Center.

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 week we stare into the "Denying Eyes" of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter - when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line - sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation. Let's turn to Him and rest in His mercy. Please join us at 4:30 or 6:30 pm for our Lenten services. Supper is served at 5:15 pm. Blessings on your Lenten preparations!

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 3-11, 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.

Endowment Fund grant proposals - It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a grant proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is meant to be used for projects that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget. An informational letter was emailed to all members who are on the email list, as well as posted to the church website, as to the guidelines of this process. A copy of the letter may also be picked up in the church office. To apply, please request an application from the office or download it from the church website. Endowment Fund information can be found on the website www.oursavioreagleriver.org under the menu "Support" tab. Please note that all applications must be turned in to the church office no later than March 31, 2020. Please prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$3400.00 is available for grant disbursements this year.