

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019



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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.

SUNDAY IN LENT

Gather the Children Together

March 17, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus' heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

❖ PREPARATION ❖

PRESERVICE MUSIC (7:30 am) "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" (arr. Manz) Organ
(10 am) "Amazing Grace" Chime Choir & "Kum Ba Yah" Piano Solo – Naomi Kadlec

HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435

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*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 4:1*

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
People: You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Pastor: Lord God, our Father, hear the silent prayers of Your gathered children.

Silence for reflection and confession

Pastor: Lord God, our Father, hear the spoken prayers of Your gathered children.
People: We have turned away from You when we should be turning toward You. Forgive us, heavenly Father. We have run from You when we should be running to You. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus. We have rejected Your grace when we should be receiving it. Cleanse us of our sin, Spirit of truth. Draw us again to the cross, where You died for us, so that we be gathered into Your presence and covered with Your forgiveness. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen!

HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength to come to You. By Your mighty power and glorious grace, gather us into Your presence and shield 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 26:8–15*

(The prophet calls God's people to mend their ways and obey the voice of the Lord.)

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 12:2*

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

People: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:17–4:1* (Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await a Savior.)

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the

cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. **4** Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:31–35 (Jesus longs to gather the Lord's children together.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

SERMON “Where Have All The Good Role Models Gone?” Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

OFFERING (7:30 am) “Jesus Loves Me” (arr. Line) Piano
(10 am) “Jesus Loves Me” Chime Choir & 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.

Early Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION Psalm 4:6

Pastor: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?

People: Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!”

Pastor: 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 “O Savior, Precious Savior” LSB 527

POSTLUDE

✖ 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. *Psalm 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 195

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 198

DISTRIBUTION

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB 618

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh to gather Your wandering children together, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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POSTLUDE

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Dick Cherney, Pat Crum
Late – Brad Anderson |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Del Keup, Sue Frank, Mark Olson, Dave Kopanski
Late – Andy Ellenberger, Gerhard Becker, Bill Reckling, Gerald Yetter |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – John & Shirley Priefer
Late – Hilde Becker, Priscilla Ellenberger |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Mark Olson
Late – Sue Kurth |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early –
Late – |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Sharon Gifford
Late – Dave Parker |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | Joyce Rawlins, Marge Baerenwald |
| <u>Nursery</u> - Education Hour | Marilynn Collins |
| | Late Service – Marilynn Collins |

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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 | 18 | |
| Tuesday | 19 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Wednesday | 20 | 4:30 pm Lenten Service
5:15 pm Lenten Dinner
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Lenten Service |
| Thursday | 21 | 6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Friday | 22 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 23 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 24 | 7:30 am Worship
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 74, Late: 106, Communion: 87, Sunday Bible Study: 16, Sunday School: 22,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 6, Tuesday Bible Study: NA

ACTUAL to DATE (as of January 31, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 28,388.56 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 23,112.76 |
| BALANCE | \$ 5,275.80 |

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

Birthdays:

17 – Mitch Campbell, Nicole Popp, Steve Meyer **19** – Dave Mohrman, Deanna Lindbom **20** – Jon Sell

21 – Joanne Luebke, Julie LaFriske **22** – Judy Chaplin, Steve Heck

Anniversaries:

21 – Willie & Debbie Lorenz **23** – Tex & Peggy Hansen

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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!

*Robert & Sharon Bauer, John Gabriel, Raymond Hutt, Tye Lindbom Family
Ken Nimmer, Dan Sauvola Family, Kristina Tryggeseth*

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 your 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.

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. The **Altar Guild** is in need of members. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

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!

Easter Flowers - Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary to celebrate our Lord's resurrection? There is an Easter flower form insert in the bulletin. Please return your form and payment to the church office before Sunday, March 31st. 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 Food Baskets - 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, which the Board of Evangelism started last year, is so important. Families in need not only receive a bag of food to prepare their own Easter meal, but they also receive an invitation to attend Our Savior during Holy Week. What a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus. This year the Board hopes to deliver food baskets to about 50 families in need. At present the board has half of the funds needed to meet this goal 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 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!

Sunday School Mission Project - Our Sunday school students have collected \$210.53 for a Hearts for Jesus mission project for Camp Luther. Our offerings will be used to purchase dining room tables for the new dining hall that will open the summer of 2020. Since we met our goal of \$200, Pastor Kufahl will take a pie to the face! We will let you know when that will happen so you can be there!

Praise & Worship Team - Our next rehearsal will be Tuesday, March 19th, at 7 p.m. in preparation for worship on March 24th. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!