

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*April 7, 2019*



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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 worshipping 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 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. **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 (7-12<sup>th</sup> 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 Jon & Diana Sell in celebration of Diana's birthday and blessings received. Happy Birthday Diana!

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Reason to Rejoice

April 7, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

From the outside looking in, our walking together through the forty days of Lent does not seem nearly as exciting as the cheerfulness of Christmas or the elation of Easter, which we will experience two short weeks from today. Yet there is much joy to be found! There's a great reason to rejoice! God blesses us with time together today to fix our eyes on Jesus and receive Him who was rejected for our redemption, forsaken for our forgiveness, and sacrificed for our salvation. Following the example of Paul, we cast everything else aside and find joy—true, lasting, eternal joy—in “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:8). Jesus longs for us to receive Him as He reveals Himself by His Word and Spirit, learning to know Him for who He truly is and what He has come to give. Christ alone is our joy—at Christmas, at Easter, during the season of Lent, and every day we are given! “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” LSB 809

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.” *John 11:25*

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** In humility and faith, let us come before the Lord, counting everything as loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**People:** **We count all things as rubbish, in order that we may gain Christ and be found in Him.**

**Pastor:** If righteousness before God were to depend on our obedience of the Law, we would all be lost and condemned forever.

**People:** **But our righteousness depends on faith alone; therefore, we trust in Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again for us.**

**Pastor:** Confident in the work of our Savior, we confess our sins to God our Father.

*Silence for reflection and confession*

**Pastor:** Father in heaven, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People:** **Father in heaven, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

**Pastor:** Forget what lies behind! Strain toward what lies ahead!

**People:** **We press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!**

## ✘ WORD ✘

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 *Isaiah 43:16–21*

(The Lord gives refreshment in the wilderness to His chosen people.)

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *Psalms 126; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: **we were like those who dream. The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Pastor: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

People: **and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Pastor: then they said among the nations,

People: **“The LORD has done great things for them.” The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

People: **Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: **shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

**Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### EPISTLE *Philippians 3:(4b–7) 8–14*

(Everything is counted as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus.)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming

like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** "I'll Walk with God" (Webster/Brodzky) Karen Hassey

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 20:9–20* (The rejected Son of God is our cornerstone.)

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

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

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?" <sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

**SERMON** "When Your Faith Takes a Beating" Philippians 3:8-14

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

**OFFERING** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (arr. Bouman)

## 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** *Philippians 4:4*

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

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** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

#### **POSTLUDE** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (arr. Manz)

### **✠ 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 161

#### **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 163

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

## 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, we thank You that for His sake You have given us peace and a renewal of joy in this Sacrament. By Your Holy Spirit, always rule our hearts and minds that we be enabled constantly to rejoice in You as we strive toward the finish line of faith, where we will behold You in glory; 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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## **IN HIS SERVICE**

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u>    | Early – Don Secord, Dick Cherney<br>Late – Tim Kadlec   |
| <u>Ushers</u>          | Early – Dick Cherney, Debbie Holewinski, Glenn Finger, Kris Secord<br>Late – Jack Toivonen, Dave Liedtke, Rick & RJ Behrens |
| <u>Greeters</u>        | Early – Debbie Holewinski<br>Late – Dawn Shantz   |
| <u>Readers</u>         | Early – Vicki Holewinski<br>Late – Marge Baerenwald   |
| <u>Acolytes</u>        | Early – Russell Klein<br>Late – Hunter Behnke   |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Steve Favorite<br>Late – Sharon Gifford   |
| <u>Altar Care</u>      | – Mara Rothenbach, Terry Cherney  |
| <u>Nursery</u>         | - Education Hour – Katrina Kadlec<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>08</b> | 6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>09</b> | 9:30 am Quilters<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir<br>7:00 pm Choir  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10</b> | 10:30 am Martha Board<br>11:30 am Martha Meeting<br>4:30 pm Lenten Service<br>5:15 pm Lenten Dinner<br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm Lenten Service<br>7:00 pm Elders Meeting |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Bible Study  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>12</b> | Office Closed   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>13</b> | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation<br>9:00 am Children's Music Rehearsal   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>14</b> | 7:30 am Worship<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion  |



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

**Birthdays:**

7 – Payton Mayo 8 – Brian Uttech, June Marheine 9 – Delores Sramek, Margo Granat, Susan Frank  
10 – Karen Olson 11 – Jonathon Sell, Tobias Kadlec 12 – Diana Sell, Joyce Rawlins, Krystal Kasmarek,  
Margaret Baerenwald 13 – Teri Kressin

**Anniversaries:**

12 – Dan & Janette Marien



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Sunday between services

**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!

*Richard Behrens Jr Family, Dennis & Barbara Gauger, Marvin Jarvis, Joyce Litchfield,  
Amy Olson, Daniel & Loriann Scafaro, Matthew Van Doren Family*

**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.

**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."

**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](mailto: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.

***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.

***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!

***Choir*** - Attention choir members! We will have two important rehearsals Tuesday, April 9th & 16th, at 7 pm to prepare for Easter. We look forward to praising our risen Lord and Savior!

***JuBELLation Choir*** - We will rehearse Tuesday, April 9th & 16th, at 6 pm to prepare for Good Friday. Thank you for praising the Lord with bells!

***Grades 1-6 Rehearsal*** - Students in grades 1-6 will have a special Palm Sunday rehearsal on Saturday, April 13th, from 9 to 10:30 am. Thank you, parents, for your help!