



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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+Third Sunday in Lent

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Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(* Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. by Randall Hartsell

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

#658 (ELW)

1. Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.
3. For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
4. Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

***Greeting**

p. 147 (ELW)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***Kyrie**

p. 147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Anthem

Fill My Cup, Lord

arr. Richard Blanchard

Nadine Berg

Children's Message

Pastor Kevin Olson

*Gospel Acclamation

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Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.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 seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Crossing the Line

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611 (ELW)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

*Apostles' Creed

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Blessing of Community Baby Shower Donations

Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Reception of Offering

Come, Humble Sinners

arr. Stewart Landon

*Offertory Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#186 (ELW)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*Offering Prayer

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer

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*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* #618 (ELW)

1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sinfonietta

G. F. Handel

NEWS & NOTES

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Lector: Julie Jordan
Cantor: Kara Ronning
Choir Director: Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Todd Rice Family
Tellers: Greg Kujala, Tim Rasch
Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law
Altar Guild: Jan Gregorich

BIRTHDAYS

Ada Hobbs celebrates her birthday on March 17th

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Earl Lehman. His memorial service was last Thursday.

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Patty Rediske in memory of Patty & Denny's Anniversary
God bless you, Patty

5th Grade First Communion Instruction

Mark your calendars for Sundays March 19th, 26th, and April 2nd 4-6pm for First Communion Instruction Classes. All fifth-grade families participating in First Communion Instruction will receive the email invitation a week before March 19th.

Job Opportunity: Administrative Assistant at OSLC

The Personnel Committee is in the process of considering resumes' for the position of Administrative Assistant for the congregation. This is one of several crucial roles in our congregation and requires strong organizational skills, accounting and word processing expertise and utmost attention to care and confidentiality.

If you or someone you know would be interested in being considered for the role, please submit a resume' to the personnel committee via email (oslchibb@mchsi.com), by mailing it to the church or placing it in the Ministry and Personnel mailbox outside the office.

See www.oslchibbing.org for the complete job description.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 12th

9:00 Worship & Communion
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
10:00 OSLCW

Monday, 13th

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 14th

1:00 Staff meeting
4:00 Property
6:30 Council Meeting
6:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805

Wednesday, 15th

8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study
5:30 Soup Supper
6:30 Lenten Service
7:15 Confirmation 7,8,9 Gr
7:15 Choir

Sunday, 19th

9:00 Worship &
Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240AM WMFG
4-6pm 5th Grade Communion
Class

Easter Lily & Mission Action Project

As is the tradition at Our Savior's, we will be decorating the chancel with lilies for Easter. Lilies are \$20 each and envelopes may be found in the office or narthex. This year's Lenten Mission Action project is collecting funds for wells and you may contribute to either/or both projects in the same envelope or by noting your wishes on the memo line of your check.

If you wish to place a lily in honor or memory of someone and wish to have it listed in the Easter bulletin please have your donation to the office by March 31. Thanking you in advance for thinking of others during Lent.

BABY SHOWER 2023

Heartfelt thanks to all who have joined us in making and purchasing donations for the newborns at Range Medical Center!

Lenten Services

This Lenten season, back by popular demand, our Confirmation Youth will once again lead us in Wednesday evening, mid-week Lenten worship through skits in a dramatic retelling of our Lord's Passion leading to the cross.

March 15	Scene Three	<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	Mark 12:28-44
March 22	Scene Four	<i>Jesus Anointing</i>	Mark 13:32-14:11
March 29	Scene Five	<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Mark 14:12-31
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)	Scene Six	<i>Jesus Prays.</i>	Mark 14:32-14

All are welcome to attend Lenten services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the service will begin at 6:30

Lenten Soup Invitational



Do you have a family recipe for chicken noodle soup? Do you know a secret ingredient for white chicken chili? Does simmering split pea and ham bring you joy??

Volunteer chefs are needed to prepare a secondary soup option for each Wednesday of Lent. We look forward to one weekly selection graciously offered by Lisa Pastika.

Contact the church office at 218-263-7422 for more information, to select a date and add your soup to the menu!

Date	Lisa's Soup	Volunteer Chef & Selection	Serving
3/15	Beef Vegetable	_____	_____
3/22	Broccoli Cheese	_____	Church Council
3/29	Chicken Noodle	Jennifer & Al Lipke - <i>Potato Soup</i>	Rundell & Hobbs

Lenten Soup Servers

Volunteers are needed to serve soups each Wednesday. Please contact Sue Stanisich at 218-262-3644 or email suestanisich@yahoo.com if you or a group can serve.



