

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, March 16, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**8:30 AM**

## *Love. A Lenten Sermon Series*

**PRELUDE**

**Pianist: Sarah Lovas**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: "O God, Why Are You Silent"**

**ELW 703**

*1) O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear your voice; the proud and strong and violent all claim you and rejoice; you promised you would hold me with tenderness and care. Draw near, O Love, enfold me, and ease the pain I bear.*

*2) My hope lies bruised and battered, my wounded heart is torn; my spirit spent and shattered by life's relentless storm; will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep within? Have you no word to cheer me when night is closing in?*

**PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

*3) Through endless nights of weeping, through weary days of grief, my heart is in your keeping, my comfort, my relief. Come, share my tears and sadness, come, suffer in my pain, oh, bring me home to gladness, restore my hope again.*

*4) May pain draw forth compassion, let wisdom rise from loss; oh, take my heart and fashion the image of your cross; then may I know your healing through healing that I share, your grace and love revealing, your tenderness and care.*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L (Leader); C (Congregation)

**L:** Blessed by the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C:** Amen.

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

L: Reconciling God,

**C: We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen**

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy, we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**ELW 705**

*1) God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*2) Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*3) Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*4) Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Holy One of mighty power,

**C: Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons.**

**Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear**

**of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PSALM: Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup> To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.”

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

L: The word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG for the WORD:** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” ELW 324 V. 1  
*In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

L: The gospel of the Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Thy Holy Wings"

**ELW 613**

*1) Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.*

*2) Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.*

*3) Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

**PRAYER SONG:** "Abide with Me"

**ELW 629 V. 1**

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

(Repeat Prayer Song)

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY:** "As Saints of Old"

ELW 695 V. 1

*As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *ELW p. 154*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** "As Rain from the Clouds"

**ELW 508**

- 1) As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth, as snow from the heavens refreshing the land. Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.*
- 2) As grain that is scattered your word has been sown on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand. Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.*
- 3) As rays of the sun shall your word light the world, awaking and warming and healing our land. Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.*

## **BLESSING / THREE BELLS**

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Helping people experience the Love of God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

## **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Carissa Koehn, Kianna Paulsrud

## **God's Healing Presence for...**

Jerry Boeddeker	Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Clarice Satrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Karen Paulson	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Larry (Butch) Lovas	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Jim Olsen	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Carol Christianson	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Becky Foss	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Peggy Gilbertson	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Deb Kritzberger	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Liz Hanson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Charlie Anderson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Susie Anderson	Dr. Rich Martin (Cheri and family)
	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)

**Safety for those serving in the Military...** especially those serving in combat areas:

**Our Sympathy to...** Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

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**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) (10:30) Zach and Steph Hinkle family

**LECTOR:** (8:30) Rita Fandrich

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Ryland Carlson, Lillie Drake

(10:30) James Funches, Gavin Giffey

**ATTENDANCE:** March 9, 2025 – (8:30) 70 and (10:30) 74

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** March 9, 2025: \$5,409.00; March to date: \$13,854.79;

Income through February 28, 2025: \$58,502.65; Expenses through February 28, 2025:

\$68,570.56 Income less Expense: -\$10,067.91

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

**REMINDER:** There is a Lenten worship service on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. All Wednesday service offerings during Lent are designated to Global Missions. There is a Meal served on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (free-will offering). March 19<sup>th</sup>'s meal is Pulled Pork Buns.

***Love. A Lenten Sermon Series***

**Schedule:**

Wed., March 19	Love the stranger	6:30 p.m.
Wed., March 26	Love the poor/naked	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 2	Love the sick	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 9	Love the imprisoned	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Fri., April 18	Good Friday	6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 20	Easter Sunday	7:30a.m., 9:30 a.m.

**MONDAY QUILTING GROUP**

There is Quilting on Mondays at Our Savior's and YOU are invited to come and check it out! Making Quilts and LWR Kits are some of our most needed and worthwhile projects. If you are available on any part of Mondays, January through March, from 9AM-4PM, consider joining in the fellowship! No experience necessary. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

**W.O.W. (Women of the Word) BIBLE STUDY**

On Monday, March 10 we began a new study entitled "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart" by Max Lucado. This Lenten study will go for 5 weeks and then we will finish up the three sessions we have left on "JESUS: The God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado.

W.O.W. meets on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's. ALL ARE WELCOME! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** will be held on Wednesdays after school on March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's. This is for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and up. First Communion will be celebrated during the April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 p.m. at OSLC.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### **Sunday, March 16**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
2:00pm John Pederson Memorial  
Service  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, March 17**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study  
9am-4pm Quilting

### **Tuesday, March 18**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
- at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, March 19**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
- at Hillsboro Café  
5:30pm Meal  
6:00pm Confirmation  
6:30pm **Lenten Service**  
7:30pm Youth Group

### **Thursday, March 20**

10:45am Worship service at HMC

### **Sunday, March 23**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
7:00pm AA Meeting

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