

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM

Love. A Lenten Sermon Series

PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

ELW 772

- 1) *Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!*
- 2) *Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.*

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

- 3) *Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.*
- 4) *Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.*

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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

ELW 779

1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3) Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4) The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5) When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Rejoicing Father,

C: You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
*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.*

ELW 324 V. 1

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-32

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command,

yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' ”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW 502 vs 1-4

1) The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2) Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3) Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4) In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

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: "How Great Thou Art"

ELW 856

1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!
How great thou art!*

2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

3) But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; (Ref.)

4) When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)

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: Todd Satrom, Mac Edenborg

God's Healing Presence for...

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| 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:

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Lisa Johnson family

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Coy Hass, Ross Hamre
(10:30) Coby Heck, Alexis Iverson

ATTENDANCE: March 16, 2025 – (8:30) 30 and (10:30) 81

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: March 16, 2025: \$34,701.99; March to date: \$48,556.78;
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 26 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 26's meal is Subs.

Love. A Lenten Sermon Series

Schedule:

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| 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. |

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

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

Rooted in Hope

**WELCA Spring Roundup, EaND Synodical Women's Organization
Saturday, April 26, 2025**

From 9:00am to 3:30pm at Stump Lake Village, Main St. Bldg., Located 12 mi. S. of Lakota, ND. Join us for an exciting event featuring music, engaging speakers, delicious food, entertainment, and various vendors. Attendees can win door prizes and experience historical Stump Lake Village. No Registration Fee, Cost of Meal & Refreshments- \$20. Register on our website <https://eandwelca.net> or call Jeanne Wobbema at 701-230-8745; mrs wob@gmail.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

Meal Delivery Week
Steeple Talk news due for Apr.!
9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
9am-4pm Quilting

Tuesday, March 25

7:00am Text Bible Study
- at Hillsboro Café
11:00am S. Diehl Memorial Svc

Wednesday, March 26

7:00am Men's Bible Study
- at Hillsboro Café
3:15pm Communion Class
(5th gr and up)
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm **Lenten Service**
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, March 27

10:45am Worship service at HMC

Saturday, March 29

2:00pm B. Kolanczyk Memorial Svc

Sunday, March 30

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

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