

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**8:30 AM**

## *Love. A Lenten Sermon Series*

**PRELUDE**

**Organist: Vicky Grothmann**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

**ELW 335**

*1) Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

**Refrain:** *In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*2) Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)*

**PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

*3) Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)*

*4) Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain)*

**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: "Christ Be Our Light"**

**ELW 715**

*1) Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

***Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*2) Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*3) Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*4) Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)*

*5) Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)*

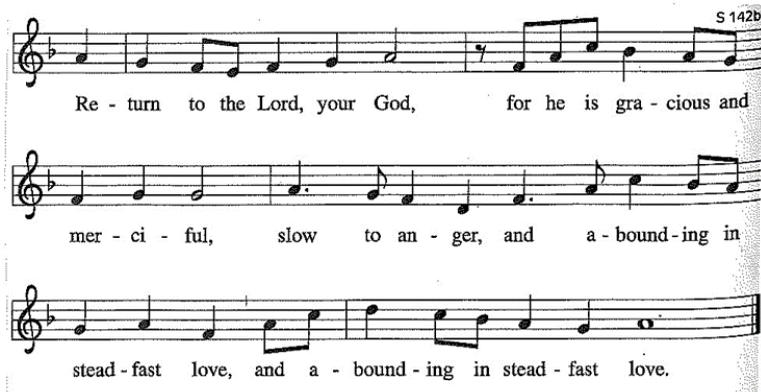
### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Divine Word,

**C: You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 142 (Setting Three)*



S 142b

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31 "Rich Man and Lazarus"

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Be Thou My Vision"**

**ELW 793**

*1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4) Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of 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**

**ELW 752**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L: Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**(Repeat Prayer Song)**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

ELW 186

*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**

**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: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

ELW 536

*1) God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

**Refrain:** *Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

*2) God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)*

*3) God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)*

**BLESSING / THREE BELLS**

**DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**

**BAPTIZED** today at the 10:30am service is Lyla Lenore Troyer, daughter of Nik and Lindsey Troyer. Lyla was born on January 5, 2025 in Fargo, ND. Her Godparents are Jake and Brittany Ferguson and Spencer and Mindi Troyer.

Also Baptized today is Nikolas Hunter Troyer, son of Tim and Julie Troyer. His Godparents are Carolyn Nelson and Betty Ferguson.

## *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

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

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Gavin Longthorne, Oliver Thompson

### **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 Fandrigh'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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**EDUCATION PASTOR:** Pastor Amanda Johnson- 218.556.8895

**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron- 701.361.9990

**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Chris McInnes (10:30) Mark & Tara Fandrigh

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Adam Job, Keira Kozojed (10:30) Gabriel Peppas, Chloe Theis

**ATTENDANCE:** March 23, 2025 – (8:30) 36 and (10:30) 72

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** March 23, 2025: \$966.00; March to date: \$49,522.78;

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)

**OSLC Bell Choir and Choir:** If you feel the Joy of the Resurrected Lord and want to share that Joy in song, there is a place for you in the OSLC music ministry! Come join in the fellowship shared by musicians of all skill levels as we prepare to share at the Easter morning services.

Rehearsals are **Monday evenings: March 31, April 7, and April 14.** If you are interested in joining the bell choir, give Ruth a call at 701-430-0451. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. Want to sing? Just show up at 6:30 p.m. Monday—we would love to make a joyful noise with you. To God be the Glory.

**REMINDER:** There is a **Lenten worship** service on Wednesday, April 2 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). April 2's meal is Mac & Cheese.

**Love. A Lenten Sermon Series**

**Schedule:**

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 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.

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

Our current study is "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. We should be done by April 28 and then plan to reconvene in the fall. 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**

**WELCA'S** Spring Round-Up is 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 30**

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

### **Monday, March 31**

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study  
9am-4pm Quilting  
6:30pm Choir practice  
7:30pm Bell Choir practice

### **Tuesday, April 1**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, April 2**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café  
3:15pm Communion Class (5<sup>th</sup> gr.)  
5:30pm Meal  
6:00pm Confirmation  
6:30pm **Lenten service**  
7:30pm Youth Group

### **Thursday, April 3**

9:30am WELCA Exec. meet  
10:00am WELCA Meeting  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge)  
10am-3:30pm Joint Theological Day  
10:45am Worship service at HMC  
2-3pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

### **Sunday, April 6**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
12:00pm **Council Meeting**  
7:00pm AA Meeting



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