

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**8:30 AM**

## *Love. A Lenten Sermon Series*

**PRELUDE**

**Pianist: Sarah Lovas**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

**ELW 661**

*1) I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

**PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

*2) I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

*3) I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Lord of the lost,

**C: We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SONG for the WORD: "Zacchaeus"**

TOSB 251

*Zacchaeus was a wee little man, A wee little man was he, He climbed up in a sycamore tree For the Lord he wanted to see; And as the Saviour passed that way, He looked up in the tree, And He said: "Zacchaeus, you come down, For I'm going to your house today, For I'm going to your house today."*

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:31 – 19:10 "Zacchaeus"**

<sup>31</sup> Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be handed over to the gentiles, and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. <sup>33</sup> After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup> But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." <sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God, and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

**19** He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

**ELW 800**

*1) Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.*

*2) I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.*

*3) Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!*

*4) Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

## **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: "O Living Bread from Heaven"**

ELW 542 V. 1

*O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given  
have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All are Welcome at the Lord's table. Note that all the communion wine is alcohol-free and the communion bread is gluten-free.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "In The Garden"

TOSB 261

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING HYMN:** "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

**ELW 802**

*1) Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.*

*2) Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.*

*3) Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death, he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven. Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.*

*4) Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your presence constantly, living there with you forever. Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.*

**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: Coy Hass

## **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) Wayne Koering (10:30) Rob & Krista Longthorne family

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Joel Thompson, Easton Beach  
(10:30) Noelle Bockness, Tenley Dickhoff

**ATTENDANCE:** March 30, 2025 – (8:30) 47 and (10:30) 86

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** March 30, 2025: \$6,867.78; March to date: \$65,843.20.  
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 9 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 9's meal is Chicken Wild Rice soup.

**Love. A Lenten Sermon Series**

**Schedule:**

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.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade COMMUNION CLASSES** will be held on Wednesdays after school (3:15-5:00pm) on March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders, along with their families, are invited to communion during the April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 p.m. at OSLC.

**Sunday School Program and Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls – APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Cinnamon rolls available from 9am to 12pm at Our Savior's Church on April 13 – Palm Sunday. Free will offering to support the youth missions trip. Sunday school children (3 yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> gr) will have their Palm Sunday Program at the 10:30am service. Children should be at the church at 9:30am.

Support our youth and get a sweet treat for the family!

**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 SWO

Will take place on **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 historic 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](mailto:mrs wob@gmail.com)

**PALM SUNDAY MEATBALL DINNER** at Halstad Lutheran Church, April 13 from 11:30am-1:30pm. Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn casserole, dessert. \$15 – Adults; \$10 – Children under 12. Dine In, Take Out, Delivery within Halstad: Call 701-430-3610. Thrivent funded.

### **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** *prayer led by St. Rose Youth*

WHERE: St. Rose Catholic Church, Hillsboro, ND

WHEN: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

5:30pm -Burger Baskets (free will donation)

6:30pm -Living Stations of the Cross

All welcome as we remember our Lord's great, loving sacrifice for us.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

#### **Sunday, April 6**

Food Pantry donations

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

#### **Monday, April 7**

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bell Choir practice

#### **Tuesday, April 8**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

#### **Wednesday, April 9**

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 10**

10:45am Worship service at HMC

#### **Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday**

Communion Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship

9am-12pm Cinnamon Rolls Bake Sale

9:30am Coffee/Fellowship

9:30am Sunday school

10:30am Worship with Sunday school  
program

7:00pm AA Meeting