



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Beneath The Cross Of Jesus*.....#338

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Greeting

P: 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.

Confession (*Let us pray together*)

C: Spirit of Life, we confess that we do not live into the promises of life. We are focused on having more, on being comfortable. We have turned away from the promise of life in you to pursue worldly

pleasures that will eventually leave us empty. Only you can fulfill us, through serving and caring for the needs of others, we find your spirit of life in us. Forgive us for chasing empty promises and turn us back to your ways. In the name of Christ, who teaches us, guides us, and leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. In Christ there is light, there is life, there is hope. You are forgiven. You are given new life, eternal life that begins now. The spirit of life is upon you. Go and share the good news.

C: Amen.

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Kyrie (Each petition will end with “Let us pray to the Lord”; please respond **“Lord, have mercy”**.)

Prayer of the Day

C: Living Water, you have risen up in us so that we will never thirst for you, because you are never far away, but in our hearts. Call us into the life promised for us, a life of hope, by becoming living hope for others. May we hear your call on our lives to do justice, love kindly, and walk humbly with you, knowing you are alive in us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

C: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

L: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

C: For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Reading.....John 11:1-45

Resurrection.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*God Loved The World (vs 1-3)*.....#323

God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death: that is the firmest ground of faith.

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Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with “Lord in your mercy”;

please respond “**Hear our prayers**”.)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Thank you, eternal God, for giving us new life. Help us to live according to your Spirit, and willingly serve you and our fellow human beings, with all that we are and all that we have.

C: Amen.

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Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1*As The Grains Of Wheat*.....#465

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

Communion Hymn 2*Around You, O Lord Jesus*#468

Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"

We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

Communion Prayer

P: Loving Lord, you are resurrection and life. Let us celebrate the heaven that has already come among us and share its fruits with one another. For your love's sake.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Through The Night Of Doubt And Sorrow*.....#327

Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear
before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the
earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun. One the
gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty
Father reigns in love forevermore.

Blessing

P: Go now and walk in the light of Christ. Trust in the one who is
resurrection and life. Stand firm before the forces of death and speak
words of life. And may God raise you up and give life to your bodies;
May Christ Jesus dwell in you in righteousness; And may the Holy
Spirit be the life in your every breath.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Holy Baptism: Today we welcome Brody James McIlquham, son of
Thane McIlquham and Baily Giebel, into our family of faith. His
baptismal sponsors are Kyle Bitney and Brittany Halama. God bless
Brody and his family!

Lenten Season: We will finish our mid-week Lenten Services this Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:30pm by welcoming Pastor Lisa Watson-Hill as she leads us in a “Baptism” service. Also, join us for our last Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm. This week’s servers are Maddy, Macy, Alicia, and Devin; Acolytes will be Kiera and Rhianna, and Ushers/Greeters will be Devin and Carsten. Bread will be provided by Sierra, Maggie Mae, Aaliyah, and Carsten, and bars will be provided by McKenna, Rhianna, Kelly, and Maggie L.

WELCA Meeting: OSL-WELCA is hosting Grace WELCA for our April meeting this Thursday, March 6th at 1:30 pm. It is birthday party month so please bring a cake mix or can of frosting to donate to the Food Pantry. Pastor Dorothy will lead our Bible Study from the March *Gather* magazine. We will read the lesson together and then discuss it. Lunch will also be served. Please come and join our fun fellowship!

Holy Week Schedule: Palm Sunday - April 9th at 9:15am, **Maundy Thursday** - April 13th at 7:30pm, **Good Friday** - April 14th at 7:30pm, **Easter Sunday** - April 16th at 9:15am.

Cinnamon Roll Breakfast: Youth and Family will be selling Cinnamon Rolls after church on Palm Sunday, April 9th. A free will donation will be collected and it will be used to help pay for the Confirmation students week long stay at Luther Park this summer.

Holy Week Cantata: Our Saviour’s Senior Choir, along with the Senior Choir from Peace Lutheran in Pigeon Falls, will be performing a cantata during Holy Week. The first performance will be at Peace Lutheran on Palm Sunday, April 9th, at the 10:15am service. The second performance will be at Our Saviour’s during the Good Friday service on April 14th at 7:30 PM. “The Shadow of the Cross” is a contemporary Tenebrae cantata. Its message is a reminder that the cross stands for love, stronger

than hate, and that hope prevails in times of despair. We hope you will attend.

Morning of Renewal: All women are invited to the WELCA "Morning of Renewal" on April 19th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum. Registration begins at 8:30am with coffee and treats. The meeting begins at 9:30am. A noon lunch will also be served. Deb Gilbertson will entertain and enlighten us with her topic "Anger is No Fun". Registration is \$8 by April 14 or \$10 at the door. Love gifts will be collected for area food pantries. Please call Kay Nelson to arrange car pooling and with your registrations so they can all be paid at once. Please join us!

Girl Scout Taco Supper: Come join the local Girl Scouts during their Taco Supper on Wednesday, April 19th in Our Saviour's Fellowship Hall. Serving will take place from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. There will be Tacos with all the fixings and our famous deep fried "Buenolos" with cinnamon and sugar for dessert. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to benefit the area Girl Scout troops.

Help Needed: Our Saviour's is looking for a part-time secretary to work 10-14 hours per week. Contact Viola Jacobson ([715-538-2150](tel:715-538-2150)) or any other member of the Finance & Property Committee (Fred Staff, Karen Witte, Mary Ann Watson, Brenda Loga, or Joanne Foss) if you are interested or know of someone who is interested. Thanks!

Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits: Why wait for fall to begin collecting supplies for mission kits? Each month we will try and collect certain items so the kits will be ready to go by October. For **April** we will be collecting **Socks** (Baby socks up to 24 months) **T-Shirts, Sleepers** (Long and short sleeve sleepers without feet up to 24 months) and **Gowns**.

Special Music: Do you have a musical selection you would like to share

during one of our church services? If you can answer “Yes” to this question, please sign up in the Narthex of the church for a Sunday that works well for you! If it is more convenient for you, call the church office at 715-538-4334 to sign up. We look forward to your special music as part of our worship!

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Keith Johnson, Mary Hanson, Eric Herman, Jeanette Gilbertson, Carter Semb, Ashton Hanson, Gale Gabriel, Debra Oates, Virginia Clipper, Mikhael Haines, Dale Lyngen and Brianna Glanzman**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthausen, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthausen, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesvold, Dale and Sonja Lyngen, Tom Leo, Delores Coburn, Sue Lyga, Ivan Semb, Claire Hanson, Bambi Beck, Fern Moe, and Debbie Zwick.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Bible Study 6:15pm
Praise Team Practice 7:00pm
Transition Team Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday - Quilting 8:30am
Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am
Soup Supper 6:00pm
Senior Choir Practice 6:30pm
Worship 7:30pm

Thursday - WELCA Meeting 1:30pm (Our Saviour's)
Boy Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Sunday - Sunday Worship 9:15am (Palm Sunday)
Youth and Family Cinnamon Roll Breakfast 10:15am
Sunday School 10:15am
Crochet Class 10:15am

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