



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*.....#860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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: Loving God, we confess that we have turned away from your love and your ways. We follow the ways of the world, ways of greed and envy, pride and consumption. We have forgotten the beauty of the earth and the beauty of humanity. We turn away from relationships towards work we find pressing or issues we find demanding. We forget your ways of love and compassion, forgiveness and understanding. Forgive us, O God, for so quickly

forgetting how much you love us, how you sent your Son for us, and the commandments of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us and restore us, O God. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: We can be sure that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Hold firm and trust in the Lord. Know that you have been forgiven, and that you are set once again on the path of God.

C: Amen.

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Canticle of Praise.....Page 140

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: Loving God, you give us the opportunity to journey again with you. You forgive us and renew us. In all of creation we see signs of your promise of new life. Help us to turn away from the ways of the world, ways we have created to get ahead, to have and do more for ourselves, and instead remember that you created us in your image, to be caretakers for the earth and to be your children, your family. In the name of Christ, who gives us the promise of New Life through his life, death and resurrection, we pray. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

L: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

C: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

L: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Reading.....Matthew 13:1-9, 24-35

No Ordinary Man.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Lamb Of God*.....#336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God. Refrain.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

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: Lord, you have given us the privilege of being your servants, telling other people about you and showing your compassion through our actions. Give us courage to serve you and not to count the cost. All that we have comes from you, from dust we come and dust we shall return.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 144

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.

Lord’s Prayer.....Page 145

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*Let Us Break Bread Together*.....#471

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

Communion Hymn 2.....*Eat This Bread*.....#472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Communion Prayer

P: Thank you, loving God, that we have been baptized into Christ's death, No Ordinary Man. We pray that, as you raised him from death, we too live a new life, freed from sin, but alive for you in Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Bless Now, O God, The Journey*.....#326

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path

through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Blessing

P: Go now into the world in the light of Christ. Do not let the fear of troubles or the lure of comfort and honor prevent God's word taking root deep in your heart and mind. And may God sow in you the seeds of an abundant harvest; May Christ the Word be a lamp for your steps; May the Holy Spirit give life to you - body and soul.

C: Amen.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Youth and Family Fun: Come join Youth and Family after worship today, March 12th, at 11:00am for a pot luck and board game celebration. Bring your favorite game and a friend! Everyone is welcome to join!

Lenten Season: We will continue our Lenten Season this Wednesday, March 15th, at 7:30pm by welcoming Pastor Gail George as she leads us in

a “Ten Commandments” service. Also, join us for our Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm. This week’s servers are the 7th and 8th graders; acolytes will be Devin and Carsten; and Ushers/Greeters will be Maggie May and Kiera. Bread will be provided by Maddy, Maggie L., Kelly, and Savannah, and bars will be provided by Alicia, Maggie Mae, Carsten, and Mckenna.

“Holy Cow”: The council is looking at considering a survey called “Holy Cow,” a congregational assessment tool. It is 85 questions that can be done on the computer or manually that gains data and information to measure different qualities of the congregation and help us improve for the future. Pastor Kurt Jacobson from Eau Claire will be coming to explain the survey to the Council and Committee members on March 16th at 7:00pm, so feel free to come and add your input.

World Hunger Pancake Breakfast: Men’s Brotherhood will be holding their annual World Hunger Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 19th. Come join them for breakfast before or after Sunday worship. If you would be able to volunteer to help, please sign up in the Narthex.

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 **March** we will be collecting **Towels** (bath and hand towels - light weight - 52x27 - dark colors) and **Soap** (Bath size bars - 4-5oz). You can leave your donated items in the designated box in the Narthex of the church.

Easter Flower Orders: We are now taking orders for Easter flowers. Please be sure to order by **Sunday, April 5th** to ensure delivery by Easter. They are a wonderful way to remember or honor your loved ones during the Easter season and it also brings a touch of spring into the church. Orders can be taken to the church office or collected in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 per plant.

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!

Janitor Needed: Our Saviour’s is looking to hire a new janitor for the church and Sunday school building. The job would include general janitorial duties for about 10-15 hours per week. Hourly wages would be negotiated. Please contact Viola Jacobson at [715-538-2150](tel:715-538-2150) or John Powell at [715-299-2172](tel:715-299-2172) if you are interested.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to:
Aaron Berg, Carl Peterson, Vernon Vold, Diane Waldera, Sheila Feltes, Jaclyn Hauser, and Mavis Mitskogen.

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

Coming Up This Week:

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

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

Worship 7:30pm

Thursday - Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

“Holy Cow” Information Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday - World Relief Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Worship 9:15am

Sunday School 10:15am

Crochet Class 10:15am

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