



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*How Great Thou Art (vs 1-3)*.....#856

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!
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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.

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; Refrain.

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: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves

defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to you that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: You are God's beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; share the good news of God's love.

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: God of the past, may we feel your presence in this time, in this space. Open our eyes that we may see your creative power and enable us to build something new together. Help us to dismantle old structures that oppress and hinder new life. Help us to work with you to build into the vision of the new kingdom, the new reign, the community of faith and love. You are always doing

something new. Help us to be part of it and to participate in the creative work. In the name of Jesus, may your work unfold in us. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 2

L: Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do peoples mutter empty threats?

C: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord’s anointed?

L: “Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

C: God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.

L: Then in wrath God speaks to them and in rage fills them with terror.

C: “As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

L: Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

C: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

L: You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

C: And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

L: Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship.

C: Lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Reading.....2 Peter 1:16-21

Jesus, the Son of God.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Restore In Us, O God (vs 1-3)*.....#328

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

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: We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people. Your love endures forever. We open our ears and hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!' And we give you thanks.

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.....*We Come To The Hungry Feast*.....#479

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry people of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Communion Hymn 2.....*Here Is Bread*.....#483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

Communion Prayer

P: Thank you for the promises made to our ancestors which have taken flesh in Jesus Christ who brings you good news like springs of water to thirsty ground, uplifting the downtrodden and filling the hungry from the richness of your table. Thank you Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*In The Cross of Christ I Glory (vs 1-3)*.....#324

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.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Blessing

P: Go now, with good news for the poor and prepare the way for the Lord. Wait patiently. Do not grumble against one another, but encourage one another. And may God come quickly to save you; May Christ Jesus give you everlasting joy; And may the Holy Spirit strengthen your hearts and lead you on God's holy way. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

World Hunger Pancake Breakfast: Men's Brotherhood will be holding their annual World Hunger Pancake Breakfast today, March 19th. Join them after worship for some wonderful breakfast and fellowship!

Lenten Season: We will continue our Lenten Season this Wednesday, March 22nd, at 7:30pm by welcoming Pastor Terry Lorenz as he leads us in an "Apostle's Creed" service. Also, join us for our Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm. This week's servers are the 6th graders; Acolytes will be Maddy and Maggie L, and Ushers/Greeters will be Macy and Kelly. Bread will be provided by Rhianna, Kiera, Aaliyah, and Sierra, and bars will be provided by Blake, Devin, Carsten, and Mia.

Cleaning Day: We will be having a cleaning day on Thursday, March 23rd starting at 8:00am or whenever you can make it. We will be cleaning the inside of both church buildings. Everyone that is available, please come and help! We will have list of things to be done available.

Celebration Sunday: Anybody who celebrated a birthday or special occasion in the month of March, please feel free to bring a treat to share after worship next Sunday, March 26th, in celebration!

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.

WELCA Meeting: OSL-WELCA is hosting Grace WELCA for our April meeting on Thursday the 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!

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:
Brianna Harvie, Sandra Everson, Gordon Fimreite, Dale Herbenson, Georgia Hughes, Delores Beardsley, Marie Johnson, John Mathson, Kennedy Harms, Charles Herman, and Abigail Staff.

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthauser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthauser, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Bev Brey, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesevold, 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

Tuesday - Quilting 8:30am
Life and Growth Meeting 5:30pm
Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm

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

Sunday - Sunday Worship 9:15am (Celebration/Praise Team Sunday)
Sunday School 10:15am
Crochet Class 10:15am

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