



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 26, 2017, 9:15 am

*Celebration/Praise Team Sunday*

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*How Can I Be Free From Sin?*

**How can I be free from sin. Lead me to the cross of Jesus. From the guilt, the pow'r, the pain. Lead me to the cross of Jesus.**

**There's no other way, no price that I could pay. Simply to the cross I cling. This is all I need, this is all I plead. That His blood was shed for me.**

**How can I know peace within. Lead me to the cross of Jesus. Sing a song of joy again. Lead me to the cross of Jesus.**

**Flowing from above, all forgiving love. From the Father's heart to me  
What a gift of grace, His own righteousness. Clothing me in purity.**

**How can I live day by day. Lead me to the cross of Jesus. Following His narrow way. Lead me to the cross of Jesus.**

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: God of hope, we confess that at times we turn away and put our trust in the world. We look to earthly success and fortune,**

**forgetting not only the needs of others but our own needs in you. We trust the financial planning, the market, our job security, instead of trusting in you and your kingdom. Forgive us when we place our trust in things that will pass away instead of looking to you. Walk with us, God, and call us back to your ways. Help us to renew our trust in you. In your son's name we pray. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

**P:** We are children of the light. We are called away from the ways of darkness, and we know that Christ shines upon us. We are given new hope, and we are called to share it with the world. Go forth, knowing that you are forgiven and loved by Christ.

**C: Amen.**

#### **\*\*Order of Service - Page 138 in the Hymnal\*\***

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

#### Prayer of the Day

**C: Gracious God, we praise you for the beautiful earth, for the coming of springtime and the beauty of this season. As we prepare for Easter, we know we must go through Good Friday. As we prepare for the Resurrection, we know we must first journey to the cross with you. Lord, help us to prepare in a new way this season: help us to reflect inwardly on our lives, to repent where we have gone wrong, to trust in your forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Call us forth in your love to be light in this world of darkness, to live as forgiven people, forgiving and loving others, and welcoming us all to be your children. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Special Music.....*Jesus Messiah*.....Praise Team

Psalm.....Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Reading.....John 9:1-41

Hour of Darkness.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*.....#325

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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: Thank you, Lord, for sending us your light. Help us to live as people of the light, and to show your light and love to others.

**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.....*The Wonderful Cross* .....Praise Team

## Communion Prayer

P: Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness, and make known your heavenly glory in the renewal of our lives. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*There Is A Redeemer*

**There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father, For giving us Your Son, And sending Your Spirit, 'Til the work on Earth is done.**

**Jesus my redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O my Father, For giving us Your Son, And sending Your Spirit, 'Til the work on Earth is done.**

**When I stand in Glory, I will see His face; There I'll serve my King forever, In that Holy Place.**

**Thank you, O my Father, For giving us Your Son, And sending Your Spirit, 'Til the work on Earth is done.**

## Blessing

P: Go now and live as children of the light. Seek what is pleasing to the Lord and commit yourselves to the works of God who sends you. And may the Lord be your shepherd and be all that you need. May Christ

open your eyes and guide you along sure paths. May the Spirit Holy revive your spirits and tend you with goodness and love. 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.**

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## **Announcements**

**Celebration Sunday:** Today is celebration Sunday! Thank you to everyone who brought in a treat to share in celebration of your March birthday or special event. God bless!

**Lenten Season:** We will continue our Lenten Season this Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm by welcoming Pastor JoBeth Marshall as she leads us in a “Lord’s Prayer” service. Also, join us for our Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm. This week’s servers are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders; Acolytes will be Aaliyah and Mia, and Ushers/Greeters will be Alicia and McKenna. Bread will be provided by Alicia, Maggie Mae, Macy, and McKenna, and bars will be provided by Maddy, Maggie L, Kelly and Savannah.

**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 **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: **Melissa Frank, Ardell Jacobson, Caitlin Thomson, James Larson, Braydon Fonstad, Brandon Giebel, and Parker Windjue.**

**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, Bev Brey, Kaye Henrickson,

Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesvold, Dale and Sonja Lyngen, Tom Leo, Delores Coburn, Sue Lyga, Ivan Semb, Claire Hanson, Bill and Angie Sylla, Bambi Beck, Fern Moe, and Debbie Zwick.

**Coming Up This Week:**

**Monday** - Bible Study 6:15pm

**Tuesday** - Board of Education Meeting 5:30pm

**Wednesday** - Bible Study 9:30am

Soup Supper 6:00pm

Property and Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Senior Choir Practice 6:30pm

Worship 7:30pm

**Sunday** - Sunday Worship 9:15am (McIlquham Baptism)

Sunday School 10:15am

Crochet Class 10:15am

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