



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**First Sunday in Lent**

March 5, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs 1-3)*.....#504

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.**

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 come to you confessing that we have turned away from you. We have not sought what you desire but instead clamored to have worldly success, leaving behind your ways of**

**justice and righteousness. We have put our desires above our neighbor's needs excusing ourselves from helping the marginalized and oppressed. Forgive us of our selfish ways. Call us into repentance, to renew our commitment to you and to live according to your ways of justice, righteousness, peace-making, and most of all, love. In the name of Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. This is a new day. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are restored. Good to go out and serve the Lord.

**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: If at first we do not recognize a temptation, give us the courage to avoid its snares. Should we stumble and fall, lift us up and renew a right spirit within us. If we are taken unaware, tempted without realizing the danger, stand in for us like a close friend and deliver us from evil. At all times and in all places remind us that your grace in Christ Jesus is sufficient for us. In his name we ask it. Amen!**

Psalm.....Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my**

**foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**C: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

L: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

L: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message- "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

L: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away-you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**C: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.**

L: Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**C: Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

L: This I believe-that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**C: Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!**

Reading.....Matthew 4:1-11

Testing.....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

Special Music.....*I Feel The Spirit Moving*.....Jasper Dunn

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God, as we remember Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer.

**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.....*In The Singing*.....#466

**In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the  
blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,**

**Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus, Christ,  
Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

**In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the  
heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, Refrain.**

Communion Hymn 2.....*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*.....#469

**By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For  
these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

**Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life  
outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed,  
restored.**

**In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace. Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain**

**Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved. In our living and our dying, we become what we receive. Refrain**

Communion Prayer

P: Merciful God, you have forgiven us and brought us new life through your son Jesus. Help us to continue to show our thankfulness in giving ourselves in serving others.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*.....#618

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.**

Blessing

P: Go out into the world in the righteousness of Christ. Do not hide your sin, but trust in God who gives mercy and love. Do not be afraid to

face the wilderness, but do not compromise with evil. And may God be your shelter to save you from ruin. May Christ be your teacher and show you the path to walk. And may the Spirit encircle you with songs of freedom. 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**

**WELCA Invite:** WELCA is invited to Strum Lutheran on March 8th for their Prayer Breakfast. It begins at 8:30am with guest speakers, Michael & Julie Bateson. Their entertaining dialogue is "Ole & Lena ...Time & Talent". Please sign up in the Narthex or call Kay Nelson at 715-983-5760 if you'd like to coordinate rides.

**Youth Gathering 2018:** Anyone interested in going to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, there will be a Parent/Student informational meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Students that are currently 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade are able to go. Please meet in the church basement. (This will be during the soup supper so feel free to eat as we talk.) Please let Patti Zimmerman know if your student wants to go but you are unable to attend this meeting (zimmerman@tcc.coop or 715-530-1350).

**Lenten Season:** We will begin our Lenten Season on March 8<sup>th</sup> with a "round-robin" weekly event lasting until April 5th. Each Wednesday night at 7:30pm we will have the pleasure of being led by a different area Pastor. This Wednesday we will welcome Pastor Linda Marlett as she leads us in a "Holy Communion" service. Also, don't forget to join us for our Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm. This week's servers are the 6<sup>th</sup> graders with bread provided by Blake, Mia, Devin, and Carsten and bars provided by Rhianna, Kiera, Aaliyah and Sierra.

**Youth and Family Fun:** Come join Youth and Family on Sunday, 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!

**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 or John Powell at 715-299-2172 if you are interested.

**Happy Birthday:** Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to:  
**Delores Ausderau, Rose Rogers, Amy Klomsten, Valerie Pronschinske, Megan Kjos, Steve Lamberson, Robert Nelson, Kinzleigh Sylla, Tess Johnson, and Trajan Schaub.**

**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 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, and Claire Hanson.

### **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** - WELCA Prayer Breakfast 8:30am (Strum Lutheran Church)  
Bible Study 9:30am  
Soup Supper 6:00pm  
Senior Choir Practice 6:30pm  
Worship 7:30pm

**Sunday** - Sunday Worship 9:15am  
Sunday School 10:15am  
Crochet Class 10:15am  
Youth and Family Meeting 10:15am  
Youth and Family Potluck and Games 11:00am

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**Videographer:** Tom Richter