



Sunday, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace
is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health,
race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do,
have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.
God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise,
prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work
for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

Fellowship time is offered after worship, we hope you will join us.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BuxWV42)* Dietrich Buxtehude
 (My Heart is filled with longing)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
+ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,
**all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.**
**We come to you,
confessing our sins.**

**Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.**
**Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.**
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.

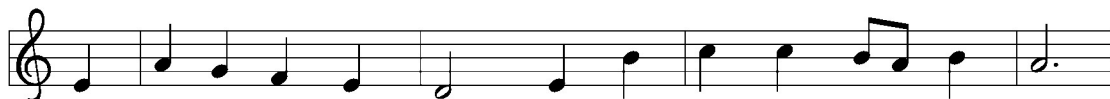
The God of mercy and might strengthen you
in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son
you have called us
to live faithfully
and act courageously.
Keep us steadfast
in your covenant of grace,
and teach us the wisdom
that comes only through
Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Exodus 20: 1—17

A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is Blest Be the Tie that Binds, ELW #656)

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce the damage done by human consumption.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land, specifically the Middle East and Ukraine. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for all medical professionals who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, employment change, or a death in the family.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant
in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way,
at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW #618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

CWM Rhonda

Hal H. Hopson

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Deb & Gary Wold

Communion Assistant: Sue Staples

Organist: Thomas Haag

Prayer Reader: Sue Staples

NEXT SUNDAY—PIE-LUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, March 11, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Come chase cabin fever away! Bring your favorite pie to share during the coffee hour! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade.

ADVOCACY MATTERS!

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 3:30pm—ZOOM

Join with others from around the La Crosse Area Synod to explore advocacy with Wisconsin representative Jill Billings. Come learn what you can do, why advocacy matters, and the best ways to make your voice heard by our elected officials. There will also be a time for questions and answers.

Register with the synod office at <https://bit.ly/3POPd0x> (a ZOOM link will be emailed to you).

2024 LENTEN SERIES

"Bring Many Names"

Based the hymn of same name, text by Brian Wren, music by Carlton R. Young.

Lent 3—Wednesday, March 6: Warm Father God" verses 1 & 3

The Church is full of ancient imagery showing God as Father. Often, God has been imagined as an old man, with full beard and an imagined deep voice. In this week's verse from "Bring Many Names," our Father God is described as "hugging every child," "caring and forgiving." There is a softer side of God we may fail to see because our traditional understandings have been limiting. In our third week of Lent, we will name God has Father.

Join us before worship from 5:30—6:15pm for tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches provided by Our Savior's WELCA.

"TIRED & RETIRED" POTLUCK

Thursday, March 21, 12 noon—Fellowship Hall

You're invited to our "Tired & Retired" Potluck. Not "Tired". Not "Retired". It doesn't matter!!! Take a vacation day or a long lunch hour. Enjoy fun, food, fellowship, and celebrate the start of spring. All are welcome! Young, not so young, and everyone in between. See you on the 21st.

WELCA Board

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 24, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

OSLC youth will be hosting their annual breakfast with egg bakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth events throughout the year, including the youth trip to New Orleans, Louisiana this summer. Come celebrate and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting our youth!

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED to help make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board next to the church office. There will be a labeled "Youth Breakfast" box in the refrigerator and on the counter in the kitchen for donated supplies. Please have all donations to the church by Wednesday, March 20. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

WAFER FOOD PANTRY is in need of clean empty egg cartons. Please collect and put them in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open

Tuesday

9am-1pm Office Open
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS—Doors Open
4:15—5:30pm Meal Served

Wednesday—Lent 3

9am-1pm Office Open
10am WELCA Board
12 noon Worship/HC
5:30—6:15pm Lenten Meal
6:30pm Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Office Closed

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Pie-Luck Sunday
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CF—Coffee Fellowship

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ardelle Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Connie** Garson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cheryl** Zoerb, **Cindy** Moe, **Dale** Duresky, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Debbie** Dukatz, **Erik** Rudrud, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jennifer** Beck-Hicks, **Jessie**, **John A.**, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana A.**, **Karen** Geoglein, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane C.**, **Lloyd** Clark, **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Louis** Herlitzke, **Margaret** Namejunas, **Mary** Covey, **Patti** Hanson, **Rachel** Muehlenkamp, **Rich** Pitz, **Robert** Onsrud, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Rudy** Nedvidek, **Sally** Vaaler, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

June Kjome, **Barb** Dolato, and **Jacob** Johnson

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, and **Stacie** Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Krista Kuhn	March 5
Sophie Schmitz	March 5
Mavis Stafslie	March 5
Robyn Malayter	March 7
Bert Sasse	March 8