

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 8 & 10:45 am.

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Sunday School – 10:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

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- Midweek Lenten Meal (6 PM) and Worship (7 PM)
- Adult Choir Restart! - Welcome all singers! (Wed, 7:45 PM)

INVOCATION (Nathan Nelson, Worship Leader)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION *Psalm 74:1*

L: O God, why do You cast us off forever?

C: Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

L: May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

C: that we may learn repentance.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

L: O Lord,

C: we poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. Our Lord's name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved God above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. May God be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. He has gathered us together as a hen gathers up her chicks and shelters us under His protective wings until the day of our glorification.

As promised, Christ our Savior will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Christ is our confidence and hope. Therefore, my brothers and sisters in Christ... stand firm in the Lord.

C: By Your grace, here we stand! Grant us Your help O Lord, to remain faithful to You to the end. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me” CityAlight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, because of Your mercy, we pray, deliver us from our pride and arrogance and bring us to repentance, that we may know the refuge of Your mercy, be comforted with a clear conscience through the forgiveness of sins, and serve in the obedience of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
C: Amen.

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 2nd Sunday in Lent is from the Prophet Jeremiah, chapter 26. *(Jeremiah 26:8–15)*

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.” L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE of St Paul to the Philippians, chapter 3.

(Philippians 3:17–4:1)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 13:35*

L: Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say,

C: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:31–35*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 575 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON "Christ is the Answer for Our Hopeless World!" Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, see how many still walk as enemies of the cross of Christ and face destruction! Make known Your mercies in Christ, that they may repent and become citizens of Your kingdom. Protect Your people from their evil intentions, and grant that we would follow the example of the apostles who willingly suffered wrong to make Jesus known. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship the sinful desires, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, rather let them be for all a refuge from the world and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church nor despise Your call to repentance. Watch over President Biden and give him sound council to make decisions that promote a healthy society and the general welfare of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember the people of Ukraine, O Lord, those who have been driven from their homes and lost their possessions, memories and in some cases beloved family members. Frustrate the plans of the enemy and give access to the needy for those who bring supplies, medicine and relief in Jesus' name. Unite the surrounding nations to condemn the actions of the aggressors, and bring peace to the land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We also lift up to You **our brother in Christ, Kevin Schmidt**, who for the last 10 years has been in China and is now teaching at a school in Shanghai that is currently experiencing another outbreak of the Coronavirus and enduring another extreme quarantine to prevent further spreading. Keep him and those in his community, his students and fellow teachers free from the new outbreak in accordance with Your kindhearted nature. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember the grieving with Your compassion, O Lord, especially **Barb Edgar whose son, Rob**, entered the kingdom of glory this past Thursday. We thank you for Rob's life and for Your promise to be with him to the very end of the age and in the world to come. Give to this mother whose heart has been pierced with grief, relief from the worries and concerns for her son's health and help her through her sorrow to commend her son into Your eternal and perfect care where he dwells with You in eternal peace. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember those who are still with us, Lord, who cry to You for mercy and who bear the afflictions of body and soul. We humbly ask You to be with all those on our prayer list. Grant them healing in accordance with Your will, and patience until Your deliverance comes. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Remember those who celebrate birthdays this week, O Lord: **Harry Russell, Jayni Lintvedt, Wesley Kovell, Laura Schutte Vied, Emily Garcia, Ben Siron, Larry Gruhn, "RJ" Kinsella, Jessica Schmidt, and Karen Anders**. Let rejoicing accompany their celebrations, and good memories be spoken of Your gracious devotion toward them throughout the years of their lives. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Your Son suffered the reproach of mankind even as He bore all of our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and boldly to declare Your salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Hear Your people, O Lord, who come to You at Your own invitation, with the concerns of our hearts and praise of our lips, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and protect us from all things harmful to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN No. 738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and Give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at The plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and Give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God!