

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome/Invocation

Confession/Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

L: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

(Silence)

L: Holy God,

C: We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your ways of life.

C: Amen.

L: Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

Song # 843 "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

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| 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace. | to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land. |
| 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water | 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one. |

Greeting
Kyrie

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Skit- "The Broken Contract" Nina Kampf

Prayer of the Day-A Lament

Through endless nights of weeping, through weary days of grief, my heart is in your keeping, my comfort, my relief. Come, share my tears and sadness, come, suffer in my pain, oh, bring me home to gladness, restore my hope again.

(Silent Prayer)

Psalmody

Psalm 23

Holy Gospel

John 4: 5-42

Sermon

Song # 575 "In Christ Called to Baptize"



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Installation of 2023 Church Council Members

Sharing the Peace

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offering Prayer

God's Giving Continues...

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song # 793

"Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Blessing

L: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten Journey.

C: Amen.

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An Invitation

Holy Communion: All are welcome to this table. Whether you belong to this church, or another church, or no church at all, the gift of this bread and wine, and Christ's real presence are for us all. Your Children are welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take the cups from the center of the tray. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

We also celebrate the gifts of God's grace and love in **Holy Baptism**. If you have not been Baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office to visit with our pastor.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready!



ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 19th, 2023

PRAYER You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

LENT: Wednesday Lent Services will start with **Soup Supper at 5pm, Worship will begin at 6pm - March 22, & 29.**

ADULT FORUM TODAY: After worship we will continue with a forum led by Nina Kampf and “The Broken Contract.” Join us for this important presentation!

THANK YOU! We wish to thank the Faith Formation Team for continuing to bring us fun and engaging events every month! Last Friday was the Easter Escape Room! This was a very thoughtful event looking at the ministry of Jesus and it got us to dig deep into key questions to find our way! More coming Holy Week~

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: It has sadly been a year since the war began, and people of **Ukraine** need help more than ever, along with people in **Turkey** suffering from an earthquake. You can send donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, or call LWR @ 800-638-3522.* Your help brings needed medical supplies, health services, shelter, food, etc. **PLEASE PRAY - [LWR.ORG/UKRAINE-CRISIS](https://www.lwr.org/ukraine-crisis).**

PRAYER SHAWLS: Calling all knitters & Crocheters! We are in need of prayer shawls. If you are able to make them, we are asking for a larger rectangle (4.5-5ft long) instead of a triangle shawl style, as more men are in need of them- not all have to be men’s but a few in blues/greens/tan colors will help.

FREE LITTLE PANTRY: We are asking for donations of **SOUP** for the month of March! Any canned and/or boxed soup items are accepted for the outside *Free Little Pantry*. You can bring your donated food item to the metal shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you! *Little Pantry Team:* Are you interested in joining our **Little Pantry Team** to place donated food in the pantry a few times a week, and to check out the cleanliness of the pantry? It’s an easy task that won’t take but a few minutes of your time. If you are interested, call the church office!

CLOTHING SALE DONATIONS: You may bring in donated clothing for next spring’s clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 21st - 22nd. In March we will take your donated home items you wish to donate as well – There will be a section for home goods at the sale.*

PRAYER CHAIN You may call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143, prayer chain leader through April. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Ruth T., Hermine, Marilee, Nancy, Diane, Janet H., Matt, Avery, Ethan (community), Adam, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Deb, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt, Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene S., Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria, Bob & Wife (ALS).

IF YOU’RE VISITING: *Thank you for being here today. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except during holidays). Join us for coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary after worship. Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. Parents: As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship, and coloring pages/books with crayons in the basket beside it - feel free to use them! You are also welcome to utilize the “Youth Room” down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed (Sunday School also takes place here after worship). We’re glad you’re here~*

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Ed & Vickie Dostal Gorny, in honor of Seth Dostal's birthday! Thank you for supporting this important ministry ~ If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship broadcast in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or in partial at \$45. Just call the church office, and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the blue bulletin board by the fountain. Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities or at home and unable to attend in person thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & MISC.

- March 22, 29: All Lent Soup Suppers & Worship
will serve Supper at 5pm, and worship will begin at 6pm
- Mar. 19th, Today after worship: Adult Forum, Nina Kampf "The Broken Contract"
- Mar. 21st, Tues., WELCA Bible Study 1pm
- Mar. 21st, Tues., Council Meeting, 5:30pm
- Mar. 23rd, Thurs., Prayer Meeting 10am

