



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**MARCH 7TH, 2021 + 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloveds, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

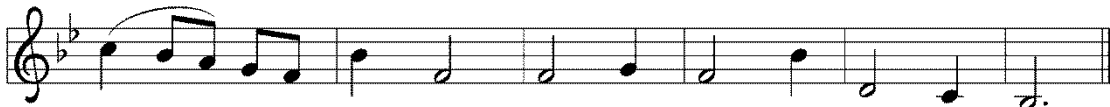
### "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - dianc e stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

## GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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 (ELW P. 138)**

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.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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 and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LET THE CHILDREN COME...**

#### **FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

#### **PSALM 19**

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. *(Ps. 19:8)*

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### **"Lamb of God" #336**

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

#### **GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

### **SERMON**

# HYMN

## "Canticle of the Turning" #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



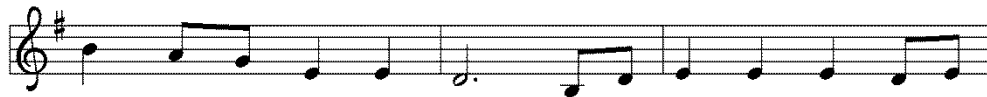
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

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

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING PRAYER

### OFFERING HYMN:

#### "Create in Me" #186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

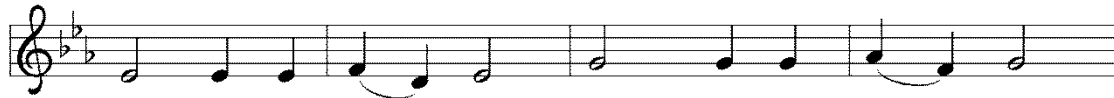
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### LORD'S PRAYER

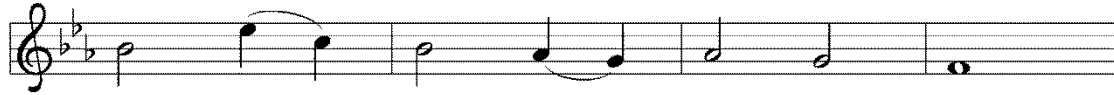
### BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN:

### "Beautiful Savior" #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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**This Week's Radio Broadcast** is in memory of David Dahl and in honor of Connie Dahl & family.

**Sunday Worship from Home** continues: 8:30 am Facebook Live, 11:00 KOVC 1490 AM Radio Broadcast, afternoon "OSLC Valley City" YouTube. If you will like a bulletin mailed to you, please contact the church office.

**Reminder: Spring Ahead!** Remember to move clocks ahead one hour next Sunday, March 14.

**Weekly Lent Liturgy with Holy Communion**-The same worship service will be offered 3 times each week. If you desire an in-person worship opportunity, come at a time that works for you.

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Worship from home and Facebook Live on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – **"Challenged Together"**

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – **"Yoked Together"**

Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – **"One Together"**

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits items** are being collected, especially needed are bars of soap and bath towels. Thinner towels are preferred as they dry better. Items may be left in the back of the sanctuary.

#### **Lenten Congregational Prayer Activity**

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together "with the whole church", held forever in the unending love of Christ. Remembering that promise, we are inviting you, dear people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, to hold each other in prayer during the season of Lent.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you will be invited to pick up a sheet of names of members of this congregation to hold in prayer during the season of Lent. As you remember them in your regular prayer practice, you are also invited to write those names on individual strips of paper, and create a prayer paper chain. Member name sheets, as well as paper strips, will be available outside the church office beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Return your prayer chains to the church prior to March 10<sup>th</sup>** and we will link them together for use during our worship opportunities. As they are gathered at the church, we will combine them to create a visual representation of the ways that we are the church together in one body.

**The 2021 Missionary Calendar** is now available to be filled! Claim a date and donate \$25 in support of our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji and Global Health Ministries. Donations can be made with checks clearly marked for "Missionary Calendar" or through the "GIVE" button on our website, [oursaviorsvc.org](http://oursaviorsvc.org).

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** will not gather in person at this time. From wherever we are on Monday mornings, we will start our week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns. This week, we hold in prayer: Mindy Anderson, Braeden; Richard Anderson, Suzanne; Tara Anderson, Reese; John & Arlene Andrus; Alicia Anundson; Mark & Karen Askerooth; Robert Baasch.

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity!** Offerings can be mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND. Online offerings can be made at the church website, [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://www.oursaviorsvc.org), by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

#### **January 2021**

Year To Date Income \$34,819.22

Year To Date Expense \$37,678.65

Year To Date Expense over Income \$(-2,859.43)

A week of OSLC ministry: \$7,196.17

General Fund Offering from the week of Feb 21<sup>st</sup>: \$4,412.13