



OUR
SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018



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WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God's house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it's the good news on every page of God's Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

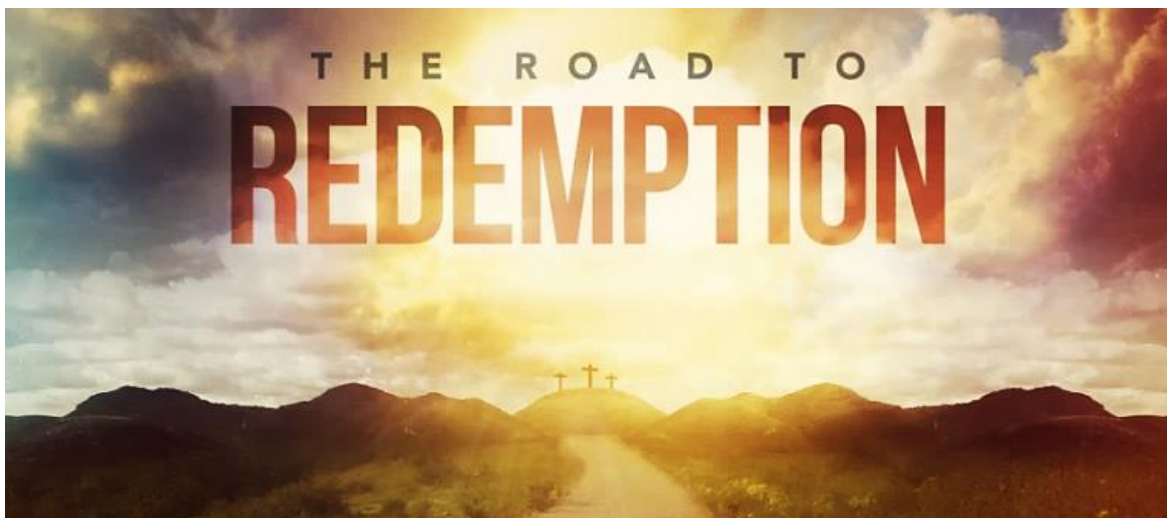
- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour's proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).



WORSHIP SERIES



February 18	Turn Around
February 25	Speedbumps
March 4	Staying on Course
March 11	Mission Sunday
March 18	Keep Your Eyes on the Final Destination

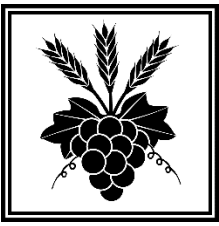
We all have a path in life. Robert Frost once penned these famous words, *“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.”* Jesus took the path that no one else could, and it makes all the difference for us. He saved us from the wide, easy road to hell. We now have a new life and a new road. It may not be easy, but Christ has given this road to us for our eternal good and it makes all the difference for us. Be committed to following his way. This week, we get another reminder of where Christ’s road leads. He took the hard road of suffering and death, so that we wouldn’t have to face the punishment for our sin. Because he took that road, his way leads to our redemption, to the glory of eternity of God’s presence in heaven. Many things try to distract us from God’s way, but our Savior has the way to remove the disruptions. And because he loves us, we have a clear path to heaven paid for by the Savior and protected by his powerful Word.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

<i>Presiding & Preaching</i>	Pastor Tom Moldenhauer
<i>Organist</i>	Deb Selland
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave Miller - Leader, Zach Jensen, LeeRoy Binder, Jim Brent, Hunter Kocis
<i>Elder</i>	Kurt Icenogle

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please stand.

A Gathering Rite is a memorable way of putting together song with confession and absolution. Often it also heightens awareness on the theme for the day or the season of the Church Year. This Gathering Rite focuses our faith where it needs to be in preparation for Holy Week.

This hymn was written by German lawyer, Johann Franck, in the late 1640s. A WELS church band, Koine, gave it a new melody and setting in 2014 for use as a gathering hymn for confession and absolution.

GATHERING RITE

Lord, to You I Make Confession

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

L (sung) *We have come into God's presence, Maker of the heavens and earth. He created us to love him; to serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and erred, thus deserving wrath and anger.*

L Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion:
 I have sinned and gone a - stray;
 I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
 Cho - sen for my - self my way.
 Led by you to see my er - rors,
 Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

L

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

C

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.



C Lord, on you I cast my bur - den



Sink it in the depths be - low!



Let me know your gra - cious par - don;



Wash me, make me white as snow.



Let your Spi - rit leave me ne - ver;



Make me on - ly yours fo - re - ver.

L

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C For your Son has suf-fered for me,
 Giv'n him - self to res - cue me,
 Died to save me and re - store me,
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free.
 Je - sus' cross a - lone can van - quish
 These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.



THE WORD

The Salutation has deep roots in Christian worship and begins the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray.

Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).

- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

God's plan leads to free and full forgiveness.

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 115

Psalms have been used in worship since the Old Testament.

L ¹ Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,

C **because of your love and faithfulness.**

L ³ Our God is in heaven;

C **he does whatever pleases him.**

L ⁹ All you Israelites, trust in the Lord—

C **he is their help and shield.**

L ¹² The Lord remembers us and will bless us...

C ¹³ **he will bless those who fear the Lord— small and great alike.**

L ¹⁶ The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.

C ¹⁸ **It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.**

The Lord's help and protection lead us to eternal blessings.

Using the picture of a priest and the example of Mechizedek (Genesis 14), this section points us to Jesus' obedience that provides eternal salvation for us.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-10

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Even though there is both glory and humiliation in this life, Jesus brings an eternal life that draws us away from the world to his home in heaven.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

SERMON

John 12:20-33

Doing Away with the Distractions*Please stand.*

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

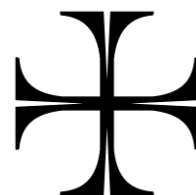
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THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of the pew.

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

A creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin "credo," which means "believe." Together, we are professing and proclaiming the biblical faith in our triune God as Lord and Savior.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

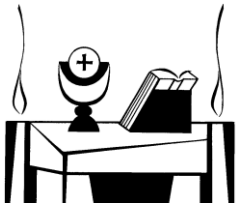
Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

ADMONITION OF COMMUNICANTS

L I admonish you in Christ that you look upon the Sacrament of Christ in true faith, above all having confident assurance in your hearts in the words by which Christ grants his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. That you remember and give thanks for his boundless love of which he gave proof when he redeemed us by his blood from God's wrath, sin, death, and hell, and thereupon take to yourselves externally the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as your guarantee and pledge. In his name, therefore, and according to his command, let us proceed, by the use of his own words, to the use and administration of the Sacrament.

*In the service that Martin Luther adapted, called **Deutsche Messe** (1526), to incorporate more congregational participation, he included this to emphasize ongoing instruction in biblical teaching for all Christians, especially for communicants.*



THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



PREFACE

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

L It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who humbled himself to take the punishment our sins deserve so that we would be free from guilt forever. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The Preface is one of the most ancient parts of the historic liturgy of the Christian church, dating to the Second century, or before.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Recorded for us in Isaiah 6:4, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty," in the presence of the Triune God. The Church sings the same song in preparation for His Supper, faithfully confessing the Lord's true presence in the Sacrament.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT



God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to trust God's Holy Word. Therefore, we ask that only current WELS/ELS members come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

✓ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

During the distribution, the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns:

HYMN

Abide with Me | 588

HYMN

I'm but a Stranger Here | 417

After the distribution please stand.

L Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm 118:1

C **His mercy endures forever.**

L Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

1 Corinthians 11:26

C **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

L We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with the saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

This familiar prayer was written by Luther for use following the distribution of the sacrament.

Luther directed the clergy to use these words of blessing which God gave Old Testament priests to speak over his people of Israel.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

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 on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

NEWS & NOTES

THIS WEEK

Today Choir @ 8 am
Worship @ 9 am (Lord's Supper)
Sunday School 10:15am
Seminar @ 10:30 am
Monday Bible Basics @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Catechism @ 5-6pm (at Redeemer)
Lent Meal @ 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Lent Worship @ 7 pm
Sunday Choir @ 8am
Worship @ 9 am
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

MIDWEEK LENT

Suppers from 5:30-6:45 available for everyone.
Worship at 7pm.
Pastors Wolfe and Juergens will again be involved in our midweek rotation.



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

CATECHISM DURING LENT

Catechism students will still be meeting at Redeemer at 5 pm. If you need help with rides, please speak to Pastor. He can help organize a carpool.

SEMINARY CHORUS HOSTS

We are hosting the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus on March 29th for a joint concert at Redeemer. If you would like to host a couple of seminary men, please sign up at the bulletin board. Indicate if you have pets in case of allergies.

END OF LIFE SEMINAR

TODAY, after worship, we will host an end-of-life planning seminar. All are welcome!

The seminar will cover these two areas:

Planning your estate

Presenter: Scott Wagner, WELS Christian Giving Counselor

Planning your funeral

Presenter: Pastor Moldenhauer

PASSOVER MEAL

Wednesday, March 28 at 7pm you are invited to this Bible study/Seder Meal/Holy Communion event at St. John's in Tappen. Pastor Juergens walks through the Biblical Passover meal and how it relates to the new covenant Jesus gave in the Lord's Supper. If you are interested, please sign up before Palm Sunday so that St. John's can make adequate preparations for the meal and materials.

EASTER FOR KIDS

Register your child, invite your friends, and/or sign up to help us reach out to kids with the message of Easter. The event is scheduled for March 24 from 10am-12:30.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sign up if you would like to bring a dish to pass for this fellowship meal on March 25.



LITTLE TREASURES

Our playgroup will start after Easter. We will be holding sessions twice a month on Thursday mornings from 10-11am. If you want to help, sign up at the board.

BIRTHDAYS

Kristie Bauer – March 16

Linda Hintz – March 21

Kurt Icenogle Jr. – March 22

PRAYERS

Carol Haadem is having surgery and treatment for cancer in Rochester, MN for the next few weeks. April and Nic Ulrich welcomed God's gift of a son, Henry, on Thursday morning.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday – 9am

Maundy Thursday – 7pm Seminary Chorus Concert at Redeemer (*Potluck at 5:30pm*)

Good Friday – 8pm

Easter Sunday – 9am

