

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Dr. Mark Braaten

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Debbie Miller

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Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to
grow in faith
through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing and
serving others.*

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2020 ~ 7:00 pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As part of our worship this evening, we will offer the Imposition of Ashes. Putting ashes on one's forehead is an old Biblical sign of sorrow for sin. We begin Lent by focusing on our sin and need for a Savior.

MID-WEEK LENTEN ACTIVITIES

We will offer special Wednesday evening activities during the Lenten season. Here is our Wednesday schedule:

- **6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper** – We will share a simple meal of soup, bread and salad. Please come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, please sign up to help with a supper!
- **6:30 p.m.—Prayer**— We invite all who would like to join for a time of prayer for our congregation, the nation, and all people in need.
- **7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship** - We will begin each evening with a study of Martin Luther's Small Catechism, followed by out Lenten worship.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

LBW 479

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

THE PREDICTION OF THE PASSION

The Prediction of the Passion (based on Mark 10:33-34) recalls the determination of Christ in his journey to Jerusalem and the cross.

P: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem...

And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, who will condemn him to death...

And they will hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him and scourge him, and finally, they will crucify him...

But on the third day, he will rise.

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.*

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.

Please sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

A: Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020 — WELCOME!

SILENT PROCESSIONAL

EXHORTATION

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. (Psalm 23:4)

P: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith — who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

C: Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief. (Mark 9:24)

PRAYERS AND CONFESSION

P: Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.

P: Almighty God,

C: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have followed our own selfish will and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness — our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our sense of entitlement to all we possess.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

C: Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

P: For all who are baptized, that they may be shaped by the Word of the Lord, and be faithful in all of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, hear us as we pray, and sustain us with your hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please sit

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is right and fitting that at all times and in all places we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty and everlasting God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS

P: As we mark this season with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the church and the restoration of the world to the life of God.

A brief silence

P: For the church, that the people of God recreated in baptism may be strengthened through their Lenten disciplines of giving, prayer, fasting and works of love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all nations, that the peace and hope revealed in Jesus Christ may lead people to repent from the ways of bloodshed and war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those who are poor, hungry, or affected by illness, that they may know God's steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P: As a sign of repentance, all who would like are invited to come forward to receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their brow.

As worshipers come forward, the minister marks the sign of the cross in ashes on the forehead of each individual, saying:

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may He grant you true repentance, that you may live with Him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN ~ "JUST AS I AM"

LBW 296, vs 1-3, 6

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse
each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING: MATTHEW 6: 1-6, 16-21

'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Please stand

HYMN ~ "SOFTLY AND TENDERLY"

WOV 734

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting
and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain
"Come home,
Come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and
heed not his Mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love
he has promised.
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*