



Living Savior Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2020 (9:00 a.m.)

Opening Hymn 436 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with true hearts, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, entreating Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: *And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true**

knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that, by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: *And with your spirit.*

Pastor: Let us pray!

Prayer

People: *Amen.*

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:1-9 (NKJV)

Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30 (NKJV)

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My

Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one."

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People: *Thanks be to God!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal (inside back cover)

Hymn 714 *"Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode"*

The Sermon..... Luke 11:29-32 (NKJV)

²⁹And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here. ³² The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed, a greater than Jonah *is* here.

The Significance of the Sign of the Prophet Jonah!

"Create In Me" (page 192)

Hymn 539 *"Christ is the World's Redeemer"*

The Offering

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

All: Amen!

Closing Hymn 422 *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"*

WELCOME to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
May the Lord bless us this coming week and always!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:00 am Worship Service

Ushers: Michael Ude

Organist: Helen Kirchstein

10:00 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call Extended

In a call meeting held last Sunday morning, the voters of Living Savior called Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, currently pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Fla. Pastor Rodebaugh and his wife Jess are the parents of three young boys.

Daily Rest Devotional Booklets Vol 2, No. 1 (02/24 – 05/31/20)

Copies of the *Daily Rest* devotional booklets have arrived and are available on the table in the back. As you take your booklet, please sign the sheet placed there for that purpose. Thank you!

Midweek Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held each Wednesday at Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, at 6:30 pm, and at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley.

CLC News

Pastor Terrel Kesterson, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia (Chicago area), IL, has returned the call extended to him by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. Missionary Peter Evenson has returned the call to serve as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN. Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S.D. Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has extended a Call to a Seminary Graduate through the Call Committee on Graduates. Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sleepy Eye, MN, has returned the call to serve as Principal/Teacher, Our Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.