

4th Sunday of Lent
March 19th, 2023
9am Worship/Livestream



HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE
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In-Person Worship: 9:00am Livestream: 9:00am SS Hour 10:00am

Welcome Visitors! Please sign our guest book located in the narthex. *Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, 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 way of life. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn: ELW # 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- 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.**

- 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
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

- 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.**

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 # 158 (Sing 3x)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray, **bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

Children's Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD."⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: ELW # 177 Lenten Acclamation

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: “Too Wonderful to Believe?”

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

**God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

*** Apostles' Creed: 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:

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to see the wonder of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. We pray especially for ***Coby, Wendy, Darlene, Rick, Elise, John, Wayne, Joe, Ann, Elise, Ian, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen,*** and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.

*Offertory Hymn: ELW # 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering prayer:

Let us pray, God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

Communion

Great Thanksgiving: pg. 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus: ELW # 193 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. 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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

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(Our Father who art in Heaven....)

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.

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God: ELW # 195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion hymns: (ELW # 608, 494, 472)

Prayer after Communion: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Sending Hymn: ELW # 793 Be, Thou My Vision

**1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Dismissal:

Go in peace, Serve in love. **Thanks be to God!**

“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Coby Clark, Wendy Lamphere, Darlene Ostendorf, Rick Foley, Elise Foley, John Paape, Wayne Peterson, Joe Minder, Ann Leonard, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

Announcements:

Sunday March 19th 9am Worship/Livestream, **10am** Fellowship Hour (MIM), **No** Sunday School.

Wednesday March 22nd 5:30pm Lenten Supper (Evangelism Committee), **6:30pm** Lent Worship.

Thursday March 23rd 6pm Ministry Planning Event

Sunday March 26th 9am Worship/Livestream, **10am** Fellowship Hour (MIM), **10am** Sunday School, **11:30am** Family Pool Party

Happy Birthday! **March (19th)** Brenda Winger **(22nd)** Matt Lubich, Crystal Raleigh **(23rd)** Renee Johnson **(24th)** Kerry Christopherson, Corey Halls, Kaymyn Pittman **(25th)** Shelby Lawler, Rhett Rasmussen, Cody Sebion

The Women of the St. Croix Valley Conference of our Synod is holding a Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 25 at Christ Lutheran Church in Somerset starting at 8:45 A.M. the speaker will be Pastor Lori Peper speaking on “Thank You, Mary and Martha”. Come and hear the Ukulele Ministry of a group of members in the Amery area who now play all over the area. Cost is \$10 including lunch. Call Audrey Severson if interested in attending.

Men in Mission Announcements: MIM meeting Saturday, March 18th at 8:00am. MIM serve coffee hour on Sunday March 19th.



Our Savior’s Women of the ELCA will again be taking orders for Easter Lilies to be put around the altar on Saturday through Easter Sunday. You can indicate if the order is in memory or in honor of a loved one, friend or relative. You can take them home after Easter services. Order forms will be in the Narthex and in the basement to fill out and include payment to WELCA. Cost is \$15 each plant ordered.

Community Meals: St Paul’s United Church of Christ is serving free community meal, on March 21st from 5-6:30pm.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **March**, we will be collecting birthday bag items; **Napkins, Frosting, Balloons, etc. and personal care items; Shampoo, Soap , Lotion , Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, and Toothpaste.**

Frosting, Balloons, etc. and personal care items; Shampoo, Soap , Lotion , Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, and Toothpaste.

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner – March 19th:

Sacred Heart of Spring Valley will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on **Sunday, March 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brother Michael Center.** Please come and join us for a good meal of bone in Ham, real mashed potatoes with Ham gravy, homemade bake beans, sweet corn and PIE.

Spread the word! We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends. Dine in, Takeout and Delivery all available. Call 715-778-5832 for your reservations today! Free will offering!

Youth News!



Sunday School Hour! Sunday March 26th 10am -11 am.



Please Join Us! The Family Pool Party is Sunday March 26th. All Family and Friends are invited! please plan to join us at the Klaas-Jonas Community Pool from 11:30am-1:30pm. Admission is free for Our Savior's members and their guests. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER POINT.

<https://lutherpoint.org/summer-camp>. The Early Bird discount ends on April 1st. Select the tier payment when registering. Tier 2 is the advertised cost in the brochure. For example:

Most weeklong camps are priced in the brochure at \$405. This is 70% of the actual full cost of the camp. Luther point subsidizes this by paying the other 30%. If you wish to pay the full price of the camp, select Tier 3. The full price of the weeklong camp would be about \$600. Regardless, the Men In Mission will pay half of the registration fee for all campers and any friends they bring from outside Our Savior's. **WHEN REGISTERING, PAY ONLY THE DOWN PAYMENT.**

Completed payment will take place on arrival at camp. Note: Friends of our Savior's campers must indicate so on the registration form to receive the Men In Mission discount. If you have questions, see Clair Severson

2023 Mission Trip: Mission, South Dakota, July 9th -15th. **Participants are;** Aubrey Minder, Ada Erlandson, Karli Foley-Nelson, Matthew Lundstrom, and Breken Young. Chaperones; Patricia Peterson and Mike Rehbein.