

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Larimore, ND

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 2024

Lent – Weeks Two Through Six

GATHERING LITANY

L: There's a song in every silence

A: Seeking word and melody;

L: There's a dawn in every darkness,

A: bringing hope to you and me.

L: From the past will come the future;

A: what it holds, a mystery,

ALL: unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

L: In our end is our beginning;

A: in our time, infinity;

L: in our doubt there is believing;

A: in our life, eternity.

L: In our death, a resurrection;

A: at the last, a victory,

ALL: unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. *"Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth, 1986*

GATHERING HYMN

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (Gathering Hymn)

1.) If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, You'll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within. For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

4.) Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust his word; though undeserving, You'll find His promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

Prayer of the Evening – Week Two (2/21)

God of Love, through this Lenten journey, purify my desires to serve you. Free me from any temptations to judge others, to place myself above others. Please let me surrender even my impatience with others, that with your love and your grace, I might be less and less absorbed with myself, and more and more full of the desire to follow you, in laying down my life according to your example. Amen.

Prayer of the Evening – Week Three (2/28)

Lord, be with me during the journey of all my Lent prayers. Let me be honest with myself, let me see everything that is wrong with my soul and my heart and admit my shortcomings and sins. Lord, show me what I should change in my life and please fill my

heart with patience, gratitude, and peace. Please teach me to accept others and show my love to them. Amen.

Prayer of the Evening – Week Four (3/6)

God, you love me as your own child. May I bend my life and will toward you so that I might accept your teaching and guidance. I am so grateful for your support in my life, now and in the eternal life you are preparing for me. I ask for your help and Spirit in my life today. Amen.

Prayer of the Evening – Week Five (3/13)

God who created me, You offer me new life through your Son. While I see new life all around me, I don't always recognize the new life you offer me. Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care. Give me the courage to ask for help. Amen.

Prayer of the Evening – Week Six (3/20)

Thank you, Lord, for helping to make a choice to follow you. Thank you because it is a good choice. Lord, today I lean on you. I trust in you alone and follow you to make a decision and not rely on my intelligence. If I have made some wrong decisions in the past that I am facing the consequences now, help me correct my mistakes now, and if the consequences are not showing forth yet, help me correct them now before it's too late. Lord, you are the only right way! Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace. By the mercy of God...and rise in the morning to serve. Amen.

FIRST & SECOND READINGS:

<u>WEEKLY READINGS</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>
2/21	Gen. 22:1-19 PB 15-16	Jn. 1:29-34 PB 862 Jn. 3:16-18 PB 864
2/28	Is. 7:10-17 PB 554 Jer. 33:14-18 PB 645	Mt.1:18-25 PB 783 Lk. 1:26-38 PB 831
3/6	Mic. 5:2-5a PB 756	Mt. 2:1-6 PB 783-784
3/13	Zec. 9:9-10 PB 773	Mt. 21:1-10 PB 802
3/20	Is. 53:1-12 PB 596-597	Ac. 8:26-35 PB 892

DISCUSSION (*“Discussion in Church” sheet*)

Discussion in Church
Lent 2024

Date _____

Name _____

(Confirmation students please hand in)

What is the main point in the Old Testament reading?

What is the main point in the New Testament reading?

How do they connect? What promise(s) are being fulfilled?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(After the petitions there's a moment of silence—personal prayer & reflection)*

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"O Lord, Throughout these 40 Days" *(Sending Hymn)*

1.) O Lord, throughout these 40 days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

4.) Be with us this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, then when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, joined together in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Please place offering in the plate on your way in/out. Located in the back of the church.

The
Season
of
Lent

