



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GREETING

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**

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us His own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

AMEN

***GATHERING HYMN** "*Blessed Assurance*" ELW 638

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-34* PB 642

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: *Psalm 51:1-12* PB 452 (*read responsively*)

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **2** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.** **3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **4** **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.** **5** Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. **6** **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.** **7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.** **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **10** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.** **11** Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **12** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 5:1-10* PB 973

1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; **3** and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. **4** And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. **5** So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; **6** as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." **7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **9** and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, **10** having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *John 12:20-36* PB 875

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **22** Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **25** Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. **27** "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me

from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." **29** The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." **30** Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. **31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler 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 indicate the kind of death he was to die. **34** The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" **35** Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. **36** While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Now the Green Blade Rises"* ELW 379 vs.1,2,4

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* ELW 686 vs.1

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

***APOSTLE'S CREED** ELW pg. 217

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 into Hell. 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

SING: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** ELW pg. 221

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** *"Lead On O King Eternal"* ELW 805

***DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
We will—Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”

CALENDAR

Today, 3/17/2024—5th Sunday in Lent—Happy St. Pat's Day

9:00am—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Monday, 3/18/2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm—Constitution Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, 3/20/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

5:45pm – 6:45pm—*LAST* Lenten Supper

7:00pm—Lenten Service

Thursday, 3/21/2024

9:30am—**NEEDLES UP!!** (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 3/24/2024—Palm Sunday

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.: FURNACE FUND
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Lent Information: Lenten Wednesdays: *Mar. 20.* Meals will be provided & served by the OSLC Youth Group.
Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm; Service Time: 7:00pm
- Mission Action Month: March: See sheet in the Narthex (on coffee table), or your March Inviter for the specific “weekly action”
- Easter Lilies and Flowers: For more information, refer to the small sheets on the coffee table in the Narthex, or your March Inviter.
- Special Sundays in March: Palm Sunday Service: March 24th @ 10am; Maundy-Thursday Service: March 28th @ 7pm; Good Friday Service: March 29th @ 8pm; Easter Sunday Service: March 31st @ 10am

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon)

Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know

Christ as their Savior and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake

OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave*

Voight, Gordy Peterson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv

Jemtrud

Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Ethan & Garrett

Reader: Volunteer Encouraged

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Nelsons & Belyeas

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All or welcome and encouraged!

Wednesday Night Service: Mar. 20

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Readers: Confirmation Students

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Serving Next Sunday (3/24/24)

Ushers: Volunteer(s) Encouraged

Reader: Volunteer Encouraged

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Knudsons & Stovers

SERVING IN MARCH

Reminder: **If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.*

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church

1st Sunday-Mar. 3

COMMUNION: ~~Kristi Williamson & Diann Rudolf~~
FELLOWSHIP: ~~D. Rudolf & K. Williamson~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 6

2nd Sunday-Mar. 10

FELLOWSHIP: ~~Reinholds (coffee only)~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 13

3rd Sunday-Mar. 17

FELLOWSHIP: Nelsons & Belyeas

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 20

H O L Y W E E K

4th Sunday-Mar. 24—PALM SUNDAY

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church
FELLOWSHIP: Stovers & Knudsons

Maundy-Thursday-March 28

Service @ 7:00pm

Good Friday-March 29

Service @ 8:00pm

5th Sunday-Mar. 31—EASTER SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

*All Lenten meals will be provided and served by the
OSLC Youth Group*

Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Church Service time: 7:00pm