



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Larimore, ND ~ March 3, 2024  
*Third 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** *"Built on a Rock"* ELW 652 vs.1, 4, 5

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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:** *Exodus 20:1-21* PB 58

**1** Then God spoke all these words: **2** I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **3** you shall have no other gods before me. **4** You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, **6** but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. **7** You

shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. **8** Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work. **10** But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. **11** For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. **12** Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. **13** You shall not murder. **14** You shall not commit adultery. **15** You shall not steal. **16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **17** You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. **18** When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, **19** and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." **20** Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." **21** Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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

**PSALM:** *Psalm 19* PB 433 (read responsively)

**1** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. **2** **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.** **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** **yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,** **5** which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **6** **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.** **7** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; **8** **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;** **9** the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **10** **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.** **11** Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **12** **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.** **13** Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **14** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING:** *1 Corinthians 1:18-31* (read responsively)

**18** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** **For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."** **20** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** **For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through**

wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **26** Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, **29** so that no one might boast in the presence of God. **30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL** *John 2:13-25* PB 863

**13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." **18** The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. **23** When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

**L: The Gospel of our Lord. A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Softly & Tenderly” ELW 608

\*OFFERING “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.

## MEAL

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*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.

## INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION

## \*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in his grace. AMEN.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN “*God of Grace & God of Glory*” ELW 705

vs.1,3,4

#### \*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, 3/3/2024—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**9:00am**—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am**—Fellowship

### Wednesday, 3/6/2024

**3:30pm**—Confirmation Class

**5:45pm – 6:45pm**—Lenten Supper

**7:00pm**—Lenten Service

### Thursday, 3/7/2024

**9:30am**—**NEEDLES UP!!** (Quilting)

### Next Sunday, 3/10/2024—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**9:00am**—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—Fellowship

### Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.: YOUTH GROUP TRIP
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Lent Information: Lenten Wednesdays: *Mar. 6, 13, 20.* Meals will be provided & served by the OSLC Youth Group. **Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm; Service Time: 7:00pm**
- Easter Lilies and Flowers: Please see Insert for more information
- Special Sundays in March: Palm Sunday Service: March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10am; **Maundy-Thursday Service:** March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm; **Good Friday Service:** March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm; **Easter Sunday Service:** March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10am

## PRAYER LIST

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

### We pray for those in need:

#### **Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon)**

Family of Viola Lee    Family of Gary Rankin    Family of Wilma Nowek    Ron Petsinger    Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord    Lois Jemtrud    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:* Volunteer(s) Encouraged

*Reader:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Prayer:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Communion:* K. Williamson & D. Ruldolf

*Fellowship:* D. Rudolf & K. Williamson

**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. 6, 13, 20

*Ushers:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Readers:* Confirmation Students

*Prayer:* Volunteer Encouraged

### Serving Next Sunday (3/10/24)

*Ushers:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Reader:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Prayer:* Volunteer Encouraged

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* Reinholds (coffee only)

# **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***

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-Mar. 3**

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

## **Lent Wednesday-Mar. 6**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-Mar. 10**

FELLOWSHIP: Reinholds (coffee only)

## **Lent Wednesday-Mar. 13**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday-Mar. 17**

COMMUNION: Scott & Diann Rudolf  
FELLOWSHIP: Nelsons & Belyeas

## **Lent Wednesday-Mar. 20**

# **H O L Y W E E K**

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **5<sup>th</sup> 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**