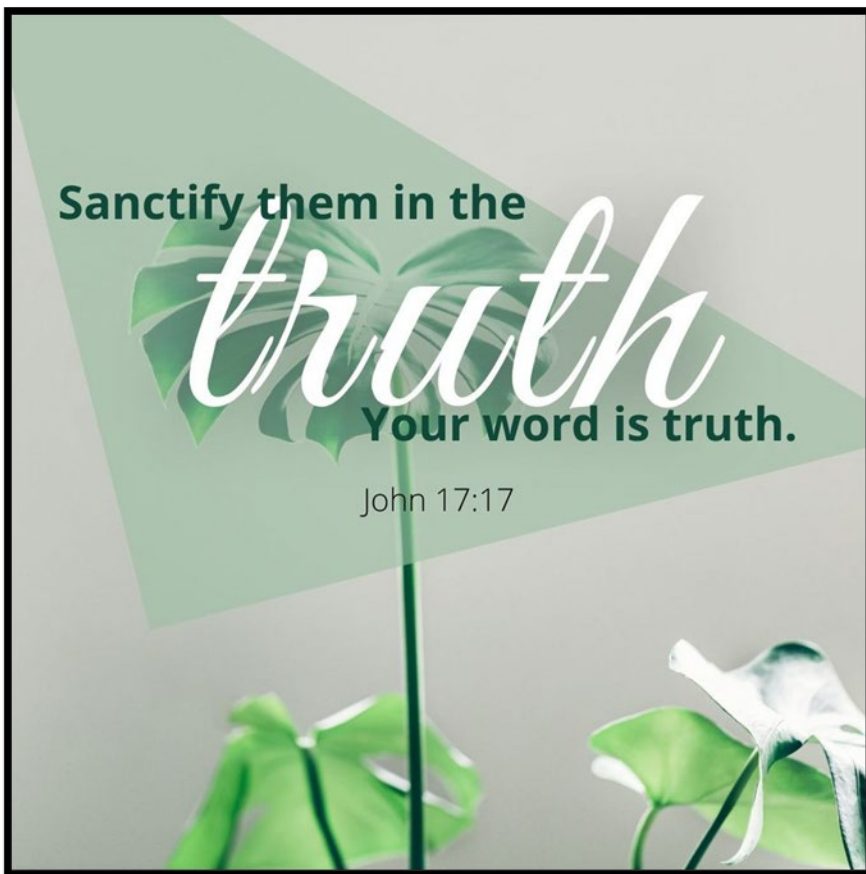


2nd Sunday of Lent

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Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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WELCOME!!! Welcome to Our Savior Lutheran Church! This is our Contemporary Worship Service, designed to communicate the eternal message of God’s love in today’s language and style. We offer this service to demonstrate that, while we each may have a preference for a particular sound or way of saying things, the message of God in Christ remains the same. He is the Way, Truth, and Life. In him we experience the “Fullness” of Life.

So we invite our guests to investigate the power of God’s Word. We pray that as you walk closer to the Savior (Our Savior) you will be uplifted and strengthened for the challenges that lie ahead of you this week. We invite you to join us again. Bring your friends with you too!

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! **Please note:**

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Parent’s Room:** *far left (southwest).*

Membership: If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

Christian Education: Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal for more information (262-377-7780) or check out the school website at www.OurSaviorGrafton.org.



You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Genesis 50:20, spoken by Joseph to his brothers)

WORSHIP NOTES: God’s Word is his tool for changing human hearts. It is the means by which the Holy Spirit sets “eternity” in us, recalibrating both our thinking and our living.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

WELCOME *by Pastor*

WE SING

“Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted”

Men: Stricken, smitten and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
He the Christ by man rejected Oh my soul, my soul ‘tis He!
He the long expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord
See the Author of creation, He the true and faithful Word

Women: Tell me you who hear His groaning was there ever grief like His?
Dearest friends His cause disowning, soldiers mocking His distress.
Many hands were raised to wound Him none would interpose to save.
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that justice gave.

All: You who think of sin but lightly nor suppose your evil great.
Here may view its nature rightly, here your guilt may estimate.
See the sacrifice appointed see who bears the awful load.
‘Tis the Word the Lord’s Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

All: Here we have a firm foundation here the refuge of the lost.
Christ the rock of our salvation Christ, the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt.
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP (from Psalm 42)

P: As the deer pants for streams of water...

C: ...so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me, “where is your God?”

P: I remember how I used to go, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.

ALL: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. In this hour, help us see our sin and desire a fresh start with you. Help us see the shortcomings in our lives and look to you for answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give, and to have faith, and to be faithful to you, all through Jesus. Lord have mercy on us.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

P: Our God has heard the cries of his people and has had mercy on us. He has seen our need and provided for our salvation. He has seen our condition and provided the solution. He has seen our hearts and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer a weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for his goodness.

WE RESPOND

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the father’s love for us.
How vast beyond all measure.
That he should give His only Son.
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One.
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross.
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice.
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there.
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breathe has brought me life.
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything.
No gifts no power no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ.
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward.
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart.
His wounds have paid my ransom.

FIRST LESSON Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul contrasts the journey through life of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and those who embrace it. Be it our journey through Lent, or our journey from grace to glory, our focus remains on the message of the cross. It is only in Jesus that we can find strength to be resolute on our journey to follow him.

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Based on... the First Lesson)

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

Prophets had been murdered for centuries by the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Yet Jesus was resolute in his mission. He would not be intimidated by Pharisaical lies or enemies of the cross. He would press on toward his goal to redeem humankind from the violence of sin, gathering the elect beneath his eternal wings.

At the time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'"³³In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (from Romans 8)

ALL: We have received the spirit of sonship, and by him we cry: "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. . . in order that we may also share in his glory. . . the Spirit himself intercedes for us.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all --how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Christ Jesus, who died -- more than that, who was raised to life -- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE SING

"Beneath the Cross"

(Choir vs 1, Cong vs 2 & 3)

*Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.*

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.**

WE MEDITATE Jeremiah 26:8-15 “God’s Truth Adjusts the Accuracy of our Faith”

Jeremiah was rejected because he did not tell the people what they wanted to hear. Though threatened with death, he was resolute in his mission and faithfully proclaimed the Word of the Lord. Notice the invitation to repentance and mercy by the Lord of free and faithful grace that follows Jeremiah’s wake-up call. But it was a call that fell on many deaf ears. This section of Jeremiah ends with the murder of Godly men. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD’S name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’S house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears! Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & WELS CONNECTION

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering plates forward to the altar at this time.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER TOGETHER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

WE JOIN IN PRAYER (adapted into prayer from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

ALL: Lord, we ask that the message of your grace may spread rapidly and be honored. You, O Lord, are faithful. You strengthen and protect us from the evil one. Please direct our hearts into your divine love and Christ’s perseverance.

WE HEAR HIS PROMISE OF PROTECTION

P: Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

C: **We cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us.**

WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

P: And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ... will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

WE CLOSE WITH SONG

"By Grace Alone"

Psalm 130C

Choir sings vs 1 one time, then congregation joins in singing vs 1.



1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, hear my
2 Your par - don is a gift of love, your grace a -
3 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much



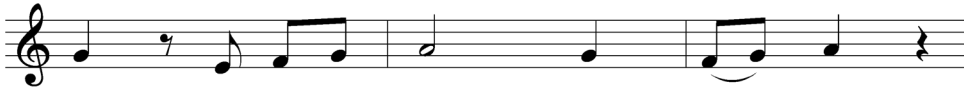
voice of plead - ing; bend down your gra - cious ear, I
lone must save us; our works will not re - move our
more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim - it



pray, your hum - ble ser - vant heed - ing. If you re -
guilt, the strict - est life would fail us. Let none in
knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our kind and



mem - ber each mis - deed, and of each thought and word take
deeds or mer - its boast, but let us own the Ho - ly
faith - ful Shep - herd he, who will set all his peo - ple



heed, who can re - main be - fore you?
Ghost for he a - lone can change us:
free from all their sin and sor - row:



On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.
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SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Lent 3 - Think ahead for next week: “They Bound Him” - John 18:12

The crowd in the Gethsemane bound Jesus. But truthfully, Jesus allowed himself to be bound by the mob so that he might also be bound by God on the cross, forced to receive every last bit of just and righteous punishment from God for our sins. Then he gave himself over to death to break “death’s strong bands” (CW21 – 439). Therefore, we are no longer bound by the guilt of our sin and the curse of eternal death. Jesus has freed us to live in the comforting peace of forgiveness and the blessed hope of life forever with God.

Intro: Ever try to hit a target with an inferior weapon? When the sights are off, you'll never be able to hit what you're aiming at... unless you can learn to adjust.

God's Truth Adjusts the Accuracy of our Faith

1. God Convinces Us that our Weapon is Broken. (vs.12-13)

- 1.1 Without care the sights will get bumped off line.
- 1.2 God reacts strongly to their "cancel culture."
- 1.3 Their initial response proved how far off their truth had become.

App: God takes them back in time to Shiloh to witness what happens when the leaders' truth is off. Eli had allowed his sons to "bend" the sights until they broke. They tried to change the target to fit their shooting which pulled all Israel into disaster.

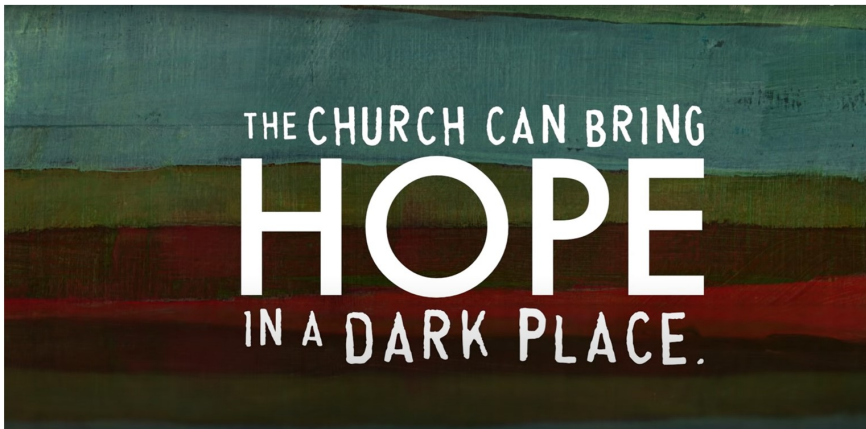
2. God's Word Realigns our Thinking & Living. (vs. 14-15)

- 2.1 His Word removes the other targets: polls, philosophies, ambitions, appetites.
- 2.2 His measurement calls for major reform.
- 2.3 His desire and intent is to relent from destruction.

App: Until we see Jesus hit the mark every time we won't realize how far we've been missing.

Conclusion: Then in horror, we realize we've become the bullseye. Only when he steps in front of us can we comprehend how much God made him to be the target of our punishment.

Adult Sunday Study



March 6 through April 10

Between Services — Starts at 9:15am

Mental illness is far more prevalent than many realize. With as many as one in four adults struggling with some form of mental illness each year, there's no doubt that there are people in our churches who desperately need love and support. Unfortunately, the church hasn't always done a great job of ministering to those affected by mental illness—either their own or a loved one's illness. But it doesn't have to be that way. This Bible study explores mental illness and what the church can do to help. It also helps clear up common myths and begins to put the stigma of mental illness in the past.

- A Christian Response to Mental Illness
- Why So Much Suffering?
- Mental Illness and the Church's Responsibility
- Shining Light on Stigma
- The Church is Called to Help with Mental Illness
- God Has Redeemed Mental Illness



I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

SEARCH ME, God, AND KNOW MY HEART; TEST ME AND KNOW MY ANXIOUS THOUGHTS.
SEE if THERE IS ANY OFFENSIVE WAY IN ME, AND LEAD ME IN THE WAY EVERLASTING.

PSALM 139

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/13)	8:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30 PM	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Church
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	OSLS Forensics Night
	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Thursday	3:30 PM	Lenten Service w/communion
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service w/communion
Friday	9:00 AM	Mom's Circle
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Lent By Candlelight
Sunday (3/20)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Numbers 21:4-9
Second Lesson	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel	John 3:14-21
Psalm	Psalm 38

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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**THIS WEEK'S
WORSHIP SERVICE**
Your Will be Done,
O Lord

PASTOR:
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Drums: Adam Wagie
Violin: Alyssa Pautz
Piano: Sarah Bauman
Vocals:
Stephanie Boeckman
Deanna Edwards
George Edwards
Mark Mandler

SONGS:
As Printed

FIRST LESSON:
Philippians 3:17—4:1

GOSPEL LESSON:
Luke 13:31-35

THE SERMON:
Jeremiah 26:8-15

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