



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA
MELO LUTHERAN CHURCH- ELCA**

Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.

*Our Savior's/ Melo Lutheran Churches
Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota
Pastor David Peterson*

5th Sunday in Lent

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God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is

lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

DeeDee Carlson (Melo)
Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand if you are able)* ELW p 116

GATHERING HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW #666

GREETING & KYRIE ELW p 203

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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.

Sit

HYMN "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW #379

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. ³²It 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.

³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

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"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand if you are able)*

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THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever 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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Dave

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

ELW #339

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand if you are able)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

OFFERING

(Please stand if you are able)

OFFERATORY

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Living God, you make your word known to your people. Let us see your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, in one another, that in our communities we might find the solace and strength that comes from your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You bring forth grain from the earth and fruit from the vine. Fill us with your bounty, and teach us to equitably distribute that which you provide. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You know the suffering of all people. Draw near to those whose lives are in danger and to those for whom death approaches. Show them compassion and grant them hope in salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You bless humankind with community. Send bearers of your peace to all who are in need (*especially*). Put your words in their mouths, that they might deliver comfort and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your Spirit incites us to go and spread good news. Grant a share of your Spirit to laypersons who tell of salvation in Christ, that gatherings of the faithful might sprout in far-reaching corners of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Remembering the lives of all who have been drawn to Christ in death, we pray for the faith to see Christ, the source of salvation, that our lives would be conformed to his. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

BLESSING

P: As we die and rise with Christ in baptism, may we also live and serve like Christ. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DeeDee Carlson (Melo)

Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)

Strive for Justice and Peace

Strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Many of us work hard to keep up on the news. We know about many places in the world that need peace; we hear of grave injustices. Yet, if all we do is keep track of the news, can we say that we are striving for justice and peace? Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me" (John 12:26). It is simply not a part of Jesus' gospel message that we can know about Jesus and not follow him. As in, "Oh yeah, Jesus, he was an interesting fellow." Rather, Jesus says we will lose our life in order to gain it and find it in him.

In the seasons of Lent and Easter the church's calendar commemorates many who were examples of striving for justice and peace. On March 24 we remember Bishop Oscar Romero, who died in El Salvador because he spoke up for the human rights of the poor. On April 9 we remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who died because his faith inspired him to oppose the Nazi regime. On April 29 we remember Catherine of Sienna, who devoted her life to the care of the poor and sick, and worked tirelessly to bring peace between factions within the church.

We especially remember on our Lenten journey that Jesus Christ himself strove for justice and peace in all the earth. When he says, "Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25), he is speaking about himself. As we prepare for Holy Week, may we strive to follow Jesus and work for justice and peace in all parts of the world around us. And where we fail to follow, may he go ahead of us preparing the way.

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Participants for Today's Worship, March 29

Acolytes: Connor Anderson
Ushers: Philip Olson, Brad Nelson, John & Jean Walker
Lector: Jean Walker
Nursery: Linda Conely
Coffee Hosts: Tim & Linda Conely

March 22	
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
99	\$2,670.00

Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, April 5

Acolytes: Danny Mattson and Dalton Rolland
Ushers: Kenny Palm, Michael Palm, Carol Anderson, Mike Flaten
Lector: Carol Anderson
Nursery: Jennifer & Brittany Palm
Coffee Hosts: Jennifer & Brittany Palm

This week in the Parish

<u>TODAY-</u>	MOOSE Meeting 1-3pm
<u>Monday, March 30-</u>	Weight Watchers 5:00pm
<u>Tuesday, March 31-</u>	ODC Bible Study 9:00am
	Quilting 1:00pm
	5 th grade 1 st Communion Class 7-8pm
<u>Wednesday, April 1-</u>	Lenten Supper at OSL 5:30-6:30pm
	Choir Practice 6:15pm
	8-10 th grade Confirmation 7:00pm
	Lent Service 7pm at OSL
<u>Thursday, April 2-</u>	Men's Bible Study 10am
<u>Friday, April 3-</u>	Family Fun Night Movie 7pm
<u>Next Sunday, April 5-</u>	Palm Sunday/Holy Communion
	Melo Worship 9:00am
	Adult Bible Study 9:15am
	Sunday School 9:15am
	OSL Worship 10:30am

Prayer list

Those in need: Mitchel Benson, LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Vicki Polchow, Daphne Olson, Catie Blanchard, Cameo Folz, Larry Johnson, Paul Becker, Joe Yeado, Leah Hamre, Dale Bauer, Brittany Dvorak, David Olson, Gary Olson.

Those who mourn: The Family of Darold Sundby

Announcements

April is OSL's month to deliver meals on wheels. There is a sheet on the office door to sign up to deliver the meals.

ATTENTION FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO LIKE MOVIES. The Ed. Comm. is sponsoring a Family Fun Night with showing the movie 'Summer of the Monkeys' on Friday April 3 at 7pm in the large SS classroom.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory/honor of a loved one Please contact the church office by Monday, April 6th. They cost \$14.45 each.

Family Bowling Afternoon for students in grades 4-6, their parents and families on Saturday, April 4th from 2-4pm at Cactus Lanes. Pizza, lemonade, and 1 line of bowling provided. Children must be accompanied by at least one parent to bowl. Sponsored by the Safe Communities Coalition, Drug Free Communities Grants

Teen Bowling Night for grades 7-12, Saturday, April 4th from 6-9pm at Cactus Lanes. Pizza, lemonade, and 1 line of bowling will be provided. Parents are welcome! Sponsored by the Safe Communities Coalition, Drug Free Communities Grants, WAO 21st Century Learning Center

The New Hope Lutheran WELCA invites you to their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 18th at 9:30am with guest speaker Colonel Barbara E. Chine, USAF (retired).

Stay informed with what is going on in your church by checking out the church website www.oursaviors-warren.com. The current newsletter is now available online. Stay tuned for more updates.

The Community Choir Lenten Cantata will be Sunday, April 5th 7:00pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

First Lutheran WELCA will hold a bake sale and lunch on Saturday, April 4th from 11am to 1pm.

Altru Hospice offers a six-week educational support group called M.E.N.D. (meeting and establishing new direction). This is open to any adult who has experienced a loss. The next group will begin on Thursday, April 2 from 7-9pm. For more information or to register, please call Chaplain Pat Mersch at 701-780-5258.

WAO Education Foundation Presents "CELEBRATE MUSIC & THE ARTS" Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm at the WAO Auditorium. Featuring Joyce Knoll, Accompanied by Rick Kitley and Carol Bowman. Also, The Mylo Carlson Family, Dan Taus, Jennifer (Kasprick) Kovar, Steps Dance Academy, WAO Speech Students, and WAO Music Ensembles will perform. Dessert bar following the performance. \$8.00/Adult \$4.00/K-12

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. If someone should remain on for longer than two week please contact Pastor Dave or Emily in the office to make arrangements.

2009 Yellow Pages are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Please pick yours up before leaving today.

On Tuesday, March 31, the movie "Fireproof" will be shown at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 7pm. There will be popcorn and pop for your enjoyment. Everyone welcome.

The old green LBW hymnals are not being used anymore and are in need of new homes. If you would like to have a hymnal please take one. They will be placed out in the Narthex for the next few weeks. Any hymnals that are left over will be donated to a local congregation in need.