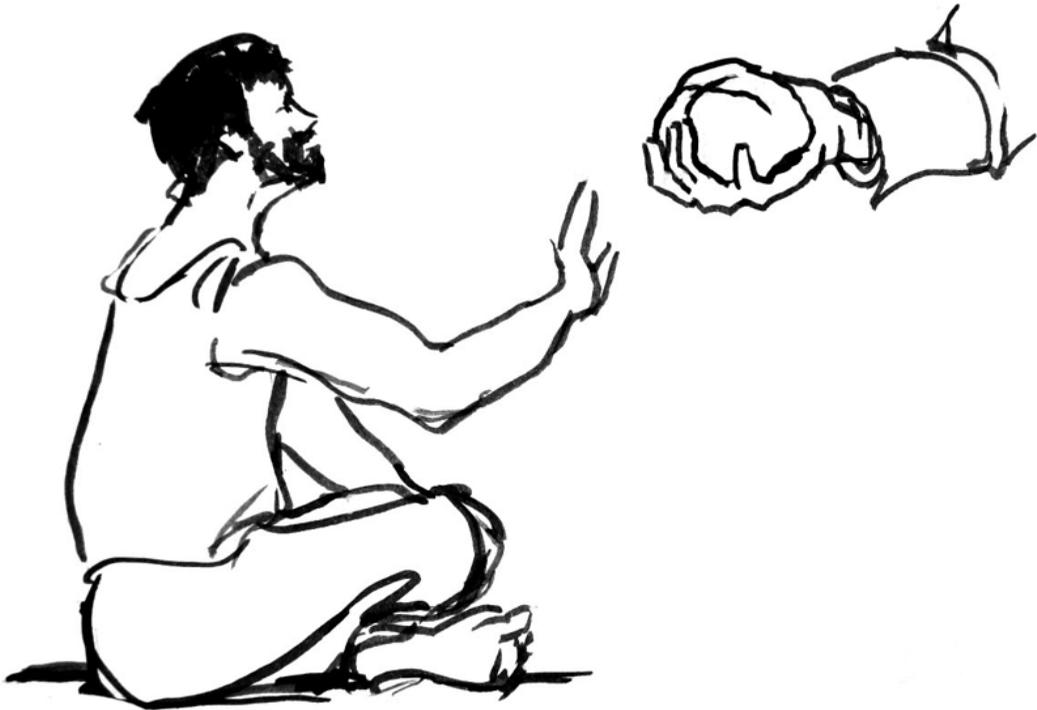


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9-10, 2019

SATURDAY AT 4:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM

***THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH; THERE IS A PLACE
FOR YOU HERE.***



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TO LOVE, SERVE, AND STRENGTHEN ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
300 Logan Street, MERRILL, WISCONSIN
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**Reverend Pat Schutz, Pastor
Jamie Diestelhorst, Youth & Family Director
Marlene Krueger, Organist**

THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW...

WELCOME to Our Saviour's. We are glad you have come to join us to give praise and thanks to God, to hear God's word to guide us in love and to receive the Lord's Supper to strengthen us in faith. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in Merrill, Wisconsin is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a fellowship of churches from around North America who hold to basic Christian beliefs and practices. If you would like to learn more about Our Saviour's or the ELCA, please call our church office or visit the ELCA website at www.elca.org, our synod website at www.ecsw.org, or our website at www.oslcelca.org.

If you are **visiting** us, please sign one of the **Visitor Cards** in the pews and our **guest book**. We invite you to make yourself known to the ushers. If you are looking for a church family, we invite you to consider Our Saviour's as your church home.

"WILLIAMS PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM" is available from the ushers for those who have hearing impairments.

RESTROOMS are located in the hallway between the staircase and the narthex. There are changing tables in these bathrooms.

WORSHIP HELPS include hearing assist devices and large print bulletins. Please see an usher to use them. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, the communion servers would be glad to come to you in your pew. Please let an usher know you would prefer this.

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ELCA Vision Statement

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world

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ELW, Setting 8 Holy Communion
P=Presider A=Assistant C=Congregation ↓=Sunday only

Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here! If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's, please speak to Pr. Pat following service or throughout the week (715-536-5813 or 920-535-0014) for information.

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C Amen.

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God at the margins,

C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the sinful deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

C Amen.

***GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

ELW Setting 10

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray. O Lord God,
- C **you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Saturday—Choir, “He Has No Hands”

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A A reading from Deuteronomy, the 26th chapter

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A A reading from Romans, the 10th chapter.

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW Setting 10

***GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,' ¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Tryphine Schrubka

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

*APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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 to the dead.*

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

After each petition

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

*OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 TO COMMUNION

A Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

COMMUNION

ELW Setting 10

***BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now in the power of your Spirit to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER FOR REVIVAL IN OUR MINISTRY**

ALL O God, you have called your people to be the Body of Christ in this community, and witnesses of your presence in the world. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Send down the fire of your love upon us, that we might draw others to you, as you have sent us to do. Anoint us with a deep compassion for those who do not know your love. Send revival on your church in this place, that all may come to experience the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***BLESSING**

P God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, + bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

ELW 618

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE