



Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 25th, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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Pastor: Levi Bollerud

****Welcome! We are grateful for the spirit that prompted you to worship with us today and hope you find a meaningful experience in your time with us. We thank you for the prayers you brought and for the witness you made to the world by being in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We invite you to worship with us again; our church family will always welcome you!****

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are fired up about God, they will be too!
- Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, to one another. Let them know that they are at home in the Church.
- Teach children some of the basic prayers, being able to join in with the prayers help them feel they are contributing too. Attend worship often, children like and need routines where they can participate.
- Children are invited to participate in communion, where they learn that God loves them.

To Members of the congregation: A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children. The presence of children is a gift to the church! They give us a future filled with hope.

****Please, Stand As You Are Able—And Sit As You Feel The Need!***

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination.]

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Our of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores to promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" #798 ELW

***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.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND COMMENTS ON THE DAY

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

*SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord..." pg. 142

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #338 ELW

*APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Jesus,

C: you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: Hear us, o God.

Response: Your mercy is great.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*THE TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL SONG "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #543 ELW

*GOD'S BLESSINGS

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

*DISMISSAL

P: So now together, we go out into God's great creation, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, ever present in our hearts, let's change some lives.

C: We will! Alleluia!

SENDING SONG "Go Now In Peace"

Projected

Postlude

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Please remain in the Sanctuary until all the candles are Extinguished. Thank you.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Invites You To:
Belong – Believe – Become – Be a Blessing**

Custodian: Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager: Jill Winters

Organist/Handbell Choir: Karen Olsen

Digital Projection: Linda Kockelman &

Dawn Ourada

Choir Director: Dawn Ourada

Treasurer: Brenda Lothert

Guest Accompanist: Beth Hansen

Lector: Mike Weckwerth

Videographers: Mark Fokken, Rick Bueltel,
& Jon Hanson

We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special need:

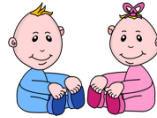
Roger Birner, Kyle Lieser, Randy Westphal, Shirley Hanson, Gary Fokken, Fritz Urban, Mandy Kack, David Sorby, Karen Wendroth (Sherri Full's sister), Shirley Markegard, Nick Benson, Bonnie Olson, Debra (Haugen) Galecki, Troy Hoffman, Kara Mortenson, Fred Full, Patty McLain (Sherri Full's sister), Lyla Nelson, Nina Benz, Debbie Cornell, Dane Nordquist, John Cornell,

Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Robert Kokesh, Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

We continue to pray for the Leaders of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Justin Gislason, Andrew Fokken, Anthony Nemitz, Cody Dinius, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

**At Our Saviour's we have many ongoing opportunities to
"BELONG - BELIEVE - BECOME - BE A BLESSING"
Here are some ways you can do that during the month of February:**

The Pray-Ground is located in the back of the Sanctuary and is available during the morning worship service for parents and young children to be able to stretch and move with the service. We do have a verity of quiet activities for Ground. For older children, we offer special activity bags service, encouraging them to join the congregation in the at the back of the sanctuary hanging on the back of the last pew.



around as needed, but also participate young children to use in the Pray-ground for them to borrow during the worship pews. These **activity bags** can be found

Calling any men, women and youth! We are in need of Ushers, some of our Ushers are retiring and we need to fill their spots. If this is something that you would be interested in or if you have questions, please contact the church office.



If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to use your eligibility to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant, please call the church office at 507-223-5528 and leave your name and number and we will be in touch. Thank you!

Coffee Talk

If anyone would like to provide treats for Coffee Talk please let the church office know what Sunday and WELCA will help you get things set up and cleaned up. Your Coffee Talk friends love to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any other occasion.

We are in need of a Cemetery Sexton, if this is something that you would be interested in or if you know of someone who would be interested, please contact the church office or a Board of Trustee member.

2023 Contribution Statements are ready. If you would like your statement, please call the office and let Jill know.

Spring Fever Green Lake
Bible Camp (Grades 2-6)



When: April 20, 2024 ** Where: Green Lake Bible Camp Youth Fee: \$40

Join us in a day full of games, Bible Studies, arts and crafts, worships and more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Sign up today and get ready for some fun! Register online at: GLLM.ORG



Soup Suppers

Lenten soup suppers will begin Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Two soups and two pans of bars are needed for each week of Lent. If you are able to provide a soup or bars, the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. We are asking youth to also sign up to help serve and clean up each Wednesday. Please connect with Pastor Levi or Jill in the office to get signed up to help.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast will be served Sunday, Church Service. We are asking our wonderful tradition. Please connect serve and clean up Easter Breakfast.

Board of Youth and Education:

Amanda Appel: 507-530-3999; Pam Jon Hanson: 507-476-0453; Amanda



March 31, 2024, following the Sunrise youth to get involved with this with Jill in the office to sign up to help

oslcanbymn@gmail.com
Hanson: 605-251-1422;
Anderson: 320-296-5672; Riece Sanow



MEMORIAL GARDENS

On Easter Sunday morning, the chancel of our church will be filled with flowers symbolizing new life.

Our Lord said, *"I am the resurrection and the Life."*

We have the faith and the hope that our loved ones who have passed away will be raised from the dead by the power of Christ.

Please fill out the following form if you wish to remember a loved one through the Memorial Gardens. You may either mail it to

108 Haarfager Ave. N, Canby, MN 56220 or drop it off at the church office. The cost of each plant is approximately \$25.00.

Memorials of more or less are graciously accepted.

Monday, March 25th is the deadline to have these submitted into the office to have information printed in the Memorial Gardens Booklet.

In loving memory of: _____

Given by: _____

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25th: Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

Monday, February 26th: *Pastor's Sabbath* Office Hours 9a-3p

Tuesday, February 27th: Office Hours 9a-3p

Wednesday, February 28st: Office hours 9a-3p

- 5:30p-6:45p Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship

Thursday, February 29th: Office hours 9a-3p

Friday, March 1st: Office hours 9a-3p

Saturday, March 2nd:

Sunday, March 3rd: Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Bar available prior to worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Coffee Talk

Monthly Giving Report for January

Total Giving Needed Each Month:	\$ 23,172.50
Simply Giving for the Month:	\$ 5,399.69
Weekly offering received for the Month:	\$ 18,744.25
Total Giving for the Month:	<u>\$ 24,143.94</u>
Monthly Surplus/Deficit:	\$ 971.44
Thrivent Choice Deposits (YTD 1/31/2024):	\$ 1,182.00
Total Giving (YTD 1/31/2024):	\$ 37,890.54
Noisy Coin Offerings: (YTD 1/31/2024):	\$ 6,124.15

Cornerstone Fund Balance as of 1/31/2024: \$27,535.34

If you would desire a pastoral visit for any reason, please call the **church office at 507-223-5528**. If you have an emergency, i.e, hospital or family issue, please call **Pastor Levi's cell phone at 701-367-7072**.

GIVE+Online.....

We invite you to consider our new **electronic giving program** as a way to automate your **regular weekly offerings**. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (osscanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.