

No Greater

LOVE

- John 15:15 -

FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SEXAGESIMA (~60 DAYS UNTIL EASTER)

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

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WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

Attendance cards for guests and members can be found in each pew. Please take a moment to provide the information indicated and return the card either in the offering plate or handing it to the usher following the offering collection.

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

Those serving in February

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OPENING HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast LSB 577

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a*

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

But you have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,

and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:10-13*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9*

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of

my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 8:4-15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN

May God Bestow on Us His Grace..... **LSB 824**

SERMON by Pastor Provost

“The Word of God is Powerful” *Isaiah 55:10-13*

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O Lord, We Praise Thee (instrumental only)..... **LSB 617**
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CLOSING HYMN

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying **LSB 826**

<i>.....This Week at Our Savior</i>			
Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	12	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study
Monday	13	4:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	LWML Meeting Trustee's Meeting Adult Catechism Instruction
Tuesday	14		<i>Happy Valentine's Day!!</i> 
Wednesday	15	1:30 PM 5:00 PM	'Sunday Readings' Bible Study Confirmation Class
Thursday	16	6:30 PM	Elder's Meeting
Friday	17		
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19	9:00 AM 10:30 PM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study



Happy Birthday!

- 2/12 Carol Twedt
- 2/16 Brandon Dunkerson
- 2/18 Tom Tisdale

OSL Upcoming Events at a Glance!

Month of FebruaryHygiene collection of items for Newton High School (i.e. shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, etc.)

Monday, Feb 13LWML Meeting at 4p (*this is a date change from our normal 3rd Monday of the month*)

Sunday, Feb 19...Due to a schedule conflict, the visit by Lutheran Family Services, Rev Nathan Grewe will be rescheduled, date TBD.

Wednesday, Feb 22
Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm

Quilting Dates: (9:00 a)
.....Feb 21 & 23

2023 Financial Giving Status

Please prayerfully consider this weekly update as a guide for the stewardship needed to accomplish God's important missions for our church:

<u>2023 OSLC Budget</u>	<u>\$186,700</u>
Needed through Feb 5	\$ 19,747
Giving through Feb 5	<u>\$ 12,244</u>
Shortfall through Feb 5	\$ 7,503
Projected 2023 shortfall	\$ 70,938

Having Trivia withdrawal? Here's a couple more...

*When was February 14 first declared to be Valentine's Day?

*Shakespeare mentions Valentine's Day in which of his plays?

*What US state produces most of America's red roses?



A LOOK AHEAD TO SUNDAY, FEB 19

QUINQUAGESIMA (~50 DAYS UNTIL EASTER)

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 1Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 18:31-43

Psalm: 89:18-29 (antiphon v. 20)

Hymns: 398, 573, 849

Communion Hymns: 637, 619, 628