

L Turn away  
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T from sin

A purple heart with a brown cross inside, set against a background of brown brushstrokes.

LENT III  
MARCH 12, 2023

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***Worship Service: Sundays at 9:00 am***

***Midweek Lent Service at 7:00 pm***

***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!

**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 March**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

“As Surely as I Live,” God Said ..... **LSB 614**

*Stand*


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### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.  
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.  
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
**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.**  
My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 8:16-24*

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Ephesians 5:1-9*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**RETURN TO THE LORD** *p. 157* 

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 11:14-28*

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

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

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Lord of Our Life* ..... **LSB 659**

**SERMON** by Pastor Daniel Provost

“What the Devil Wants” *Luke 11:14-28*

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*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ..... **LSB 641**

*Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling (instrumental)....* **LSB 630**

*Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face* ..... **LSB 631**  
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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* ..... **LSB 697**



**Happy Birthday to You!**

- 3.12 Brady Kemp
- 3.13 Nicole Provost
- 3.13 Pastor Provost
- 3.18 Maria Casad




**Happy Anniversary**

3/19 Bob & Kathy Fair

**Single White ‘Envelope’ Seeks Companion...**If your box of envelopes is No. 846 please let Donita know. She’d love to make the match official and keep the relationship going throughout the year. You can catch her after church or at 319-330-5626. Thank you.

## ***This Week at Our Savior***

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	12	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
Monday	13		
Tuesday	14	9:00 AM	Quilting
Wednesday	15	1:30 PM	Bible Study "Sunday Readings"
		5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:15 PM	Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	Midweek Lent Service
Thursday	16		
Friday	17	9:00 AM	Quilting and Soup Lunch 
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

**A LOOK AHEAD TO SUNDAY, MARCH 19 LENT IV (LAETARE)**  
**Readings: Exodus 16:2-21, Galatians 4:21-31, John 6:1-15**  
**Hymns: 571, 743, 918**  
**Psalm: 132:8-18**  
**Communion Hymns: 630, 638, 636**



**Quilting:** March 28 & 30  
**LWML Meeting:** March 20  
**Deadline** to order Easter Lilies, see green insert

**Choir plans for Lent/Easter:** We're looking to prepare music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, so join us at 6:15 pm on Wed. 3/15 and 3/29 for choir rehearsal. (Because of the Lenten meal on 3/22, rehearsal that week TBD) All ages and voices welcome!!

***Lent Services every Wednesday in March at 7 pm***

Please Join us for Lenten Supper -- March 22 --  
*Sign up sheets in the Narthex if you are able to help. See you there!*