

From your pastor...

Would you be able to sleep...

...if you had seen a spider before you went to bed but lost track of it before you could get rid of it?

...if there was an escaped and violent convict roaming your neighborhood?

...if your son had turned against you and your entire nation was rooting against you?

That's exactly the situation that King David faced when his son Absalom rebelled against him. Almost the entire nation followed suit, either because they had secretly hated David all along, or because they thought David would lose and didn't want to go down with him. Just like earlier in his life when he was surrounded by enemies when Saul was king, once again, David's enemies were surrounding him, mocking him, and even making fun of him for trusting in God to save him. He wasn't exaggerating to say thousands and thousands of people were lined up against him.

David's response? He went to sleep! Even though his enemies couldn't see any way for him to escape defeat, and even though he might not have been able to see it himself either, it didn't cost him any sleep because he knew that God was his shield.

Whenever you feel your enemies closing in around you, whether they are actual people working to harm you, or situations and circumstances that are frightening, challenging, or evil, remember that you, too, have the same shield that gave David such peace. The Lord is your strength! He sustains you! He is your shield! Nothing in the world can defeat you!

Instead of panicking and losing sleep with unnecessary worry, cry out to your God, like David did. Trust in his strength instead of your own. Trust that he will do what is best and win the victory even if you can't do it yourself. He rises up to save you and his blessing rests on you.

PSALM 3

A psalm by David. When he fled from Absalom, his son.

Many Enemies

1 O Lord, how my foes are multiplying!
Many are rising up against me!
2 Many are saying about my life,
“There is no salvation for him in God.”

Interlude

One Protector

3 But you, O Lord, are a shield for me.
You are my glory and the one who lifts up my head.
4 With a loud voice I cry out to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.

Interlude

Peaceful Rest

5 I lie down, and I sleep.
I awake, because the Lord sustains me.
6 I will not be afraid of the thousands of people
who line up against me on all sides.

Certain Victory

7 Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!
Yes, you will strike all my enemies on the jaw.
The teeth of the wicked you will break.
8 Salvation belongs to the Lord.
Your blessing rests on your people.

Interlude

Church Council News:

Our financial report – February 21, 2021

	Thru February 21
Offerings	\$74,615.46
Tuition/FEF/ Reg	\$3,293.22
Total Receipts	\$77,908.68
Budgeted Needs	\$87,482.78
Difference	-\$9,225.10

Owed to Internal Line of Credit: \$0

We have met our goal for the new hymnal fund. We hope to have them ordered this fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Kobe

Kindergarten Round-Up

This year we will not be hosting our regular “Kindergarten Round-Up”. Those interested in our school are asked to call the school office. We can schedule a conference call, an in-person walk through and/or a classroom visit. We can also email or mail information to those interested.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Holy Week Schedule

Please remember to sign up for the service(s) you wish to attend. We are adding additional Good Friday and Easter services because of the social distancing requirements. You can sign up either on line (www.salemowosso.org) or by calling the church office.

Maundy Thursday Communion Services
Noon and 7pm

Good Friday Communion Services
Noon -- 5pm -- 7pm

Easter Festival Service
7:30am – 9:00am – 10:30am

Serving in March

Altar Helpers

Pam Strauch
Marcia Hamill
Ann Norder

Ushers

Early

Jim Norder
Mike Valus

Late

Wilhelm Guth
Samuel Cureton

Opening/Closing

7	E. Perry	R. Jensen	11	E. Perry
14	E. Perry	K. DePeal	18	P. Strauch
21	D. Doederlein	K. Lahmann	25	K. Lahmann
28	E. Perry	R. Jensen		

Salem Lutheran Church

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:30 am Bible Class	3 Lent 3 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	4 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	5	6
7 8:00 am Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Communion 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	8 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	9 10:30 am Bible Class	10 Lent 4 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	11 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	12	13
14 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	15	16 10:30 am Bible Class 5:30 pm BCE 6:15 pm Church Properties 7:00 pm Church Council	17 Lent 5 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	18 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	19	20
21 8:00 am Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Communion 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	22	23 10:30 am Bible Class	24 Lent 6 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	25 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	26	27
28 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	29 No School - Spring Break	30 No School - Spring Break	31 No School - Spring Break	April 1 Maundy Thursday Communion Services Noon MASK Required Service 7:00pm Service	April 2 Good Friday Communion Services Noon MASK Required Service 5:00pm Service 7:00pm Service	