

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Lent 4**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
March 11 & 14, 2021**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 111

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

**Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying friend.**

**Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice he made.**

**Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.**

**Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with him our hearts dividing,
All for him content to leave!**

**Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on you
Till we taste your full salvation
And your unveiled glory view.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!" The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

HYMN 290 v 1

One Thing's Needful

**One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain --
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GOSPEL**John 3:14-21**

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.”

HYMN OF THE DAY 340 v 1,3,4,5**Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**The name of Jesus calms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinners ears;
'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an off'ring made
That you might live again.**

SERMON**Numbers 21:4-9****LOOK AND LIVE!****APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN 715

**What grace is this! My Lord and King
Has set his face to suffering.
My God eternal dies to bring
Eternal life to me.**

**What grace is this—That very God
Would stoop to lift a cross of wood
And walk a road of rock and blood,
A sinner's road, for me.**

**What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
He yields to Pontius Pilate's law
And lets the Roman hammers draw
A rush of blood for me.**

**What grace is this! Rude agonies!
With common thieves he hangs and bleeds.
The sinless Son bears each misdeed.
He pays for all, for me.**

**What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
And gently laid in manger-trough,
He's taken, dead, from wretched cross
And wrapped again for me.**

**What grace is this? How can it be?
He wears this raw humility
To lift me to eternity.
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.**

PRAYERS

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right

in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

HYMN 402

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide.
 Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
 Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

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The Sunday Altar Flowers are placed by his family in honor of Bob Speers, who passed away 4 years ago.

Thank you! Shelia Steinke would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while she was sick.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase a lily for the Easter Sunday altar, the cost is \$10.

This week at Salem

Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Bible Class
1:30pm Public Confirmation Class
Tuesday 10:30am Bible Class
5:30pm Board for Christian Education
6:15pm Church Properties
7:00pm Church Council
Wednesday noon Mask required Lenten Service
7:00pm Lenten Service
Thursday 7:00pm Mask required Communion Service

	Feb 28	Year to Date
Offerings received	\$12,945.93	\$106,034.89
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 3,552.49
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 7.77
Total:	\$12,945.93	\$109,595.15

Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$112,477.86
Difference	\$ 456.16	-\$ 2,533.71
Owed to internal line of credit:	\$0	

