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March 23, 2014

3rd Sunday in Lent

Women’s Day Worship Service

A vision for mission in accordance with God’s will and word.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a congregation of believers in Jesus Christ. We encourage members to discover, develop, and use their talents to share God’s ministry and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action.
+ORDER OF SERVICE+

LBW Liturgy of the Word

Congregation to stand
Tolling of Bells

Congregation to be seated
Prelude

THE GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

TFF, Order A

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen
P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God
C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen
P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
C: Amen

♫ Response

‘CALVARY’

Refrain:

Calvary, Calvary, Calvary, Calvary, Calvary, Calvary. Surely he died on Calvary.
1. Ev’ry time I think about Jesus. (3x’s) Surely he died on Calvary.

*Share the Peace of the Lord*

♫ ENTRANCE HYMN

‘HE LEADETH ME OH BLESSED THOUGHT’

LBW #501

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
LENTEN SENTENCES:
Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways,
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

All you who are thirsty, come to the water
You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

Praise be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Welcome to Visitors

Acknowledgements & Announcements

THE WORD

1st Reading: Barbara Glover
Musical Selection
D: Psalmody: Read responsive by congregation
2nd Reading: Celestine Reese

Today's Readings p.1
Voices of God
Today's Readings p.1
Pew Bible pg.914
P: Please stand for the Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 4th, chapter, verses 5-42.

Response

‘Glory to you, O Lord’

P: HOLY GOSPEL

Response

‘Praise to you, O Christ’

HYMN OF THE DAY

‘HERE I AM LORD’

TFF #230

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
   All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
   I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
   Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
   I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
   I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
   I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

3. “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
   I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
   Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
   I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

WOMEN’S DAY PRAYER

Joan Spilman

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING TO SERVE

Connected women laboring to become instruments for God’s work here on earth.
“Connecting” with an open heart, “growing” in body, mind and spirit, “serving”
with willing hands and “going” with ready feet into our communities and the world.

Karen
Stanley Fleming

Joyce
Harrington

Catherine
Collins

Crystal
Peoples-Stokes

Prennessia
Lambert

Gina
Mayo-Hawk
WOMEN’S DAY LITANY

Deacon: Today we celebrate the strength, power, passion, beauty, courage and faith of women across this world. Made in the image and likeness of God, He chose the woman to lead, support, nourish and deliver His glory to the earth.

Congregation: We praise God for the creation of the woman.

Deacon: We celebrate women for following the Savior’s example of service. These vessels of life, these wives, these mothers, and these believers are often overlooked, choosing to relinquish their will for the uplifting of others

Congregation: We honor God for endowing the spirit of service into the heart of the woman.

Deacon: We give reverence to every woman, who like the beautiful, thoughtful, mindful and powerful women of scripture continue to defy odds, banish stereotypes, and serve in the face of oppression and tradition.

Congregation: We thank God for the unselfish spirit that lives in the heart of the woman.

Deacon: We honor the women of our past who were beaten, raped, and abused because of skin color and gender. We honor their resilience and intuition to escape and assist others with escaping. We honor those who blazed trails and rose above the conditions of their time. We honor those mighty women who tarried in prayer and sang the songs of Zion while their backs were lashed and their wombs mistreated.

Congregation: We worship God for the memory of our ancestors, mothers, and grandmothers.

Deacon: We celebrate the women of today. We celebrate the sharing of their gifts, talents and skills. We celebrate their ability to manage the home and the office. We celebrate their ability to serve as a public official and a Sunday School teacher. We celebrate those who are required to be both the matriarch and the patriarch, and those who are strong enough to fight for civil equality but gentle enough to be the woman of some man’s dream.

ALL: We praise God for the virtuous women who persevered through our yesterdays, influence our todays, and shape our tomorrows. From the rib of man God created woman. He has found favor in her and has sent her into the lives of every man and child. God’s creation is man’s testimony of God’s never-ending love, grace, and mercy for His children.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

PRAISE DANCE

STILL IN MOTION FOR GOD
OFFERING

Sing Doxology as gifts are received

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you,
C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Before Prayers ‘Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer’ HS 98 #891

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer, when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me

P: Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

THE SENDING

Blessing

C: Amen

DEPARTURE HYMN ‘WHAT A FELLOWSHIP’ TFF #220

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms, what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarm; leaning on the everlasting arms

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way leaning on the everlasting arms; oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (refrain)

P: Dismissal: Go in peace to serve the risen Lord!
C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude +

Join us for light refreshments in the parish hall as Women 2 Women we connect socially with each other together as we grow in Christ.

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT WORSHIP

Deacon: Sandy Walker
Altar Guild: Poinzetter Cureton, Theresa Draper
Acolytes: Heavyn Glover, Kevin Roulac, Jameela Goodloe, Mychael Glover, Ryan Vick
Women's Day Committee
Barbara Glover
Veronica Rucker
Olivene Chapman
Tamara Onyszkiewicz
Gina Mayo-Hawk

Please sign the Flower Chart in the Narthex to commemorate a loved one’s birthday, anniversary or whatever you desire. Flowers are $15.00 per vase payable to the Altar Guild. Payments can be given to Poinzetter Cureton. You may purchase one or both vases. The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of God by the Women's Day committee in celebration of Christian Women of yesterday, today and tomorrow; by Elaine Blyden in celebration of her grandson Mikal Catus birthday and by Roslyn Hawthorn and the girls in memory of their beloved husband and father Sam Hawthorn.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Lola Bishop – Hospitalized in Fayetteville, NC
Thelma Boone – 97 Northland Ave. 886-8349
Betty Campbell – Harris Hill Nursing and Rehab, 2699 Wehrle Dr. 14221
Ann Darnell - Elderwood at Glenwood, Assisted Living Facility, 5271 Main St
    Williamsville, 14221, 716-631-0450
James Battle – Wynwood, 2971 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY, 14217, Rm.113
Jacquie Bagby–Davis 364 French St. 14211
Kenneth Bagby Sr. - 604 Lisbon Ave. 14215
Margaret Bennett - 485 Mapleview Rd
Albert Campbell – 299 Saranac Ave. 14216
Carmen Cleague - 212 Chester St. 14208
Ruby Clemons – 89 Goulding Ave. 14208
Joel Dickenson – 66 Comstock Ave. 14215
Julia Garner - 82 Thatcher Ave. 14215
Richard Hammond – 237 Hastings St. 14215
Robert Holmes - 712 Eggert Rd. 14215
Julia Major -74 Meech Ave. 14208
Sara Reid - 75 Donaldson Rd. 14208
Vivian Baskin-Silver
Herman Moore- (father of Doreen Woods) 22 Copsewood Ave.
Doreen Woods - 239 Brunswick Blvd.
Prayer Requests

Tarin Abram (grandson of Sandra Taylor)
Aurora Acosta (mother of Marcial Acosta)
Austin Adkins (nephew of Elaine Blyden)
Adelene Allen (3698 Cayes Cove, Ellenwood GA. 30294)
Augusta Andrews (mother-in-law of Chrystal Browne-Andrews)
Iva Ambush (niece of Paula Evans)
Herman Andrews (husband of Chrystal Browne-Andrews)
Frederick Bell (friend of Paula Evans)
Mr. Isreal Blackmon
Barbara Blue (friend of Sandra Taylor)
Elaine Blyden -316 Landon St. 14211
Cynthia I. Browne (sister of Chrystal Browne-Andrews)
Rosemary Brunson (sister of Bro. Bell)
Troy Burton
Verna Butterfield (cousin of Pat Clark)
Charles Byrd (nephew of Evelyn Smith)
Mikal Catus (grandson of Elaine Blyden)
Judith I. Clark (Elaine Blyden’s sister)
Pat Clark
Sam Coleman
Irene Collier (niece of Paula Evans)
James J. Cooper II (father of James and Terrell, grandfather of Khalil, Egeria, and Saqatta).
Sheila Crockett - 35 Deerfield Ave. 14215
Pastor Stephen Everette
Vernita Fuqua (grandmother of Christina Escobar);
Mrs. Thelma Hardiman - Tacoma, WA
Tameka Island (daughter of Marcial Acosta)
Hattie Jones (friend of Paula Evans)
Courtney Justus (friend of Deja Gwan)
Brenda & Willie Kendrick (sister and brother in law of Paula Evans)
Gloria Knoll (friend of Deja Gwan)
Faye Martin (friend of Sandra Taylor)
Margaret Martin – 229 Brunswick Blvd.
Herbert Steve Mayfield (father of Sonya Jefferies & grandfather of Chas & Kalif Crutcher & Keisha Jefferies)
Robert Brooklyn McBride
Thomas & Etellka McKay
Milner Cox (Keischa McKay’s uncles & aunt)
Jacquelynne Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. James and Belle Montree
Diane Musial
Alice Place (aunt of Pat Clark)
Dominic Plummer (friend of Elaine Blyden)
Howard (Buddy) Powell
Raymond Pulley (son of Shirley Pulley)
Chelsea Rush (daughter of Faye Rush)
Faye and Vicki Rush (daughters of Julius Rush)
Lena Rush (sister of Deacon Rush)
Larry Sayres (brother of Marie Hollins)
Lena May Simmons (stepsister of Pat Clark)
Clara Small (sister of Paula Evans)
Shannon Smith (cousin of Deja Gwan)
Kenneth Taylor (grandson of Sandra Taylor)
Andrew Thomas & family (neighbor of Deja Gwan)
Carolyn Whitfield (daughter-in-law of Celestine Reese)
Carolyn Williams (sister of Deacon Rush)
Gregory Williams (brother of Reva Betha).
Sgt. Ernest Griffin (Texas)
Zachary J. Williams (Fort Sill, OK.)
Heather
BIBLE STUDY – Will be in recess during the Lenten/Easter season and will resume April 30, 2014.

Join Zumba class with Denise Acosta here at Our Savior Lutheran Church every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm! Call Denise Acosta at 308-8391 for more info. Let's ZUMBA!!!!! Cost $5.00 per class.

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Upcoming Events:

Mother’s Day Tea – May 10, 2014 - Donation - $20.00, Time – 2pm-4pm. The Woman’s Guild needs tea cups for the tea so please go in search of tea cups at thrift stores; ask friends and bring the ones you have at home. If you want them back after the tea let us know.

All announcements must be given to the church secretary by Wednesday Close of Business (2 pm) to be included in the bulletin.
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35 KJV)

Weekly Financial Report

Dates: 3/16/2014
Attendance: 78
Income: $3336.61
WEEKLY GOAL: $3076.00

Christian Stewardship Foundational Truths

- God is owner.
- God entrusts stewards with His gifts.
- Stewards are accountable to the owner.

March 23: Lent 3, Exodus 17:3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Q. What is the significance of Lent

A. Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia—a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF PHENOMENAL WOMEN OF OUR SAVIOR

Gone but not forgotten

2006 – 2014...

Norma Johnson
Beatrice Smith
Marion (Sis) Powell
Elizabeth Turner
Laverne Quarles
Lurline Strachan
Pamela (Reid) Thomas
Carol Virginia Cates
Carol Glover
Willie Collier
Barbara Cox
Vivian (Jernigan) Peoples
Carol Battle
Ethel Bagby
Ethel Powell
Elliott Veasey
Alice Smith
Rosemary Jackson
Patricia McCann
Lilla Gonzalez
Leona Boyles
Joan Hall
Lenora Lunsford
Ioner Patterson
Birdoff Baity
Christine Orr
Joann Cole
Mary Jones
Wendy Bennett
Sarah Rush
Delores Collier
Mildred Washington
Elizabeth Scott
Deborah Gamble
Edna (Baskin) House
Cammie Rush
Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm

Psalm 95; tone 6

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11 [not printed]
[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."