

Our Savior Lutheran Church

In His Arms Childcare

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4th Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2020

Sermon: "Wake Up, O Sleeper!" Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymns: 697, 571, 849

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness—the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world—the light no darkness can overcome.

HOLY COMMUNION is the Lord's Supper; the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! Please check our webpage www.oursaviorburlington.com to make an appointment for communion with Pastor Rob at church. We will plan to begin offer communion by appointment on Sunday April 5th in groups of 9 or less.

IN OUR PRAYERS – Our healthcare workers serving during the virus outbreak: Janet Sandberg, Robin Deakins, Allison Schmidt, Melissa Koerber, Melissa Lein, Nancy Hischke, Pat Bolling; The daughter of Linda and Donn Edwards, Stephanie. Stephanie has a high-risk pregnancy and is due to deliver her baby boy, Hunter, on March 20; the family of Jim Sierszyn upon Jim's dad's entry to eternal life; the family of David Schmidt upon David's mother Louise' entry to eternal life; Marie Filer; Jenna Worth, friend of Richveis family; Jason Bulgrin; Pat Schroyer; Rita, sister of Brenda Wienke; Mike Wiebeck; Brenda Wienke; Pablo Maiti; Chuck Collison; Jill & Christel Schumann, friends of the Richveis family; Theresa King; Andy Wright; Pat Dietschweiler; Alex Gomez; Sue Huebner; Joyce Pearl; for our military personnel: Steven Solmonson III; for those overseas: Baker family serving in Mongolia; Marc Ellingstad, US Diplomat serving in Pakistan; Daniel & Marie, Anastasia, Alethia and Emmanuelle Walter, ministry outreach in Israel.

THOSE WHO SERVE - Organist: Cathy Kaufmann; Live Streaming IT Production Group: Chris and Courtney Burris, John Schmidt, Jackie Bladow, Mike and Kim Soeth, and Pastor Rob.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS go to Eric Nowicki and Kayla Wynn 3/22; Gary Peterson, Patti Urban and Stacie Preuss 3/24; Fred Von Alven 3/26; Teri Vanbeek 3/28.

LAST WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR – Church Attendance ~ Lent 4 Mar 18 – (Production Team – 7, Zoom-17, FaceBook Live - 23), Total Wed Lent - 47; Weekend Total 95 (Sat. 5:30 - 16, Sun. 8:00 - 26, Sun. 10:45 - 53); Sunday School Attendance: Children ~11, Helpers ~ 4; Unified Budget Receipts \$6,828.00; Building Fund/Properties Renovation \$185.00; In His Arms (IHA) Receipts \$7,166.34, DCF/IHA Tuition \$228.25; Love, Our Savior Meal Site \$89.00; Praise & Worship Band \$200.00; Ladies Guild \$20.00 Parsonage Security Deposit \$1,750.00.

DAILY DEVOTIONS LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and other Synod pastors are leading devotions each weekday on the <u>LCMS Facebook page</u>. Join us live at 9 a.m., or <u>watch the archived devotions on YouTube</u>.

BIBLE CLASSES – Pastor Rob intends to have Sunday morning Bible Class, next Sunday, March 29th at 9:30am live, using the Zoom platform and possibly through a conference call. Please check our website www.oursaviorburlington.com for details. Watch our website as we develop a virtual Good News Class and other Bible Classes as well.

LADIES GUILD Easter plants for our altar are again on order with our friends from the floral department at Gooseberries. This year we've asked for 6 Easter Lilies along with 3 Hyacinths and 3 Tulips. We again invite our congregation to join with us in this purchase if you so choose. All the plants are priced at \$12.00 this year. Mark an envelope "Easter Plant" and if it's a check please pay to Our Savior's Ladies Guild. After Easter services you may take your plant home to enjoy. Thank you again and God Bless you all.

ONLINE CHURCH GIVING is being developed and will soon be available. Your faithful offerings will enable the ministry of Our Savior to continue to function to bless our family and world. Please send your weekly offerings to: Sherry Fickau, Financial Secretary, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 417 S Kane St, Burlington, WI 53105.

This Week at Our Savior

<u>Today</u>

4th Sunday in Lent

All Day: Virtual, Online Worship at ~ www.oursaviorburlington.com

Tuesday

12:00pm Board of Parish Schools Mtg.1:30pm SWD Pastors' Conference Call with District President John Wille

Wednesday

9:00am Quilting

7:00pm Lenten Worship 5 ~ streamed LIVE Links at ~ www.oursaviorburlington.com

Saturday

5:30pm Communion Worship Live Links at ~ www.oursaviorburlington.com

Next Sunday

5th Sunday in Lent

Virtual Online Worship at ~ www.oursaviorburlington.com

IN HIS ARMS CHILDCARE 3/18/2020

Dear Families,

On March 17th Governor Evers extended the closure of all public and private K-12 schools indefinitely.

PLEASE KNOW THAT IN HIS ARMS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE CORONAVIRUS WEEK BY WEEK, AND LET YOU KNOW WHEN OUR DOORS WILL OPEN EVEN THOUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REMAINS CLOSED.

Our prayer is that, with all the closures happening right now, we as a community are all doing our part in curbing this virus.

We miss you all. God has you and this situation IN HIS ARMS.

Our Savior Lutheran Church will be live streaming worship services online at www.oursaviorburlington.com

Please see the following links for activities children can do at home.

https://www.cph.org/t-bestill-home.aspx

https://learnincolor.com/educational-activities-for-when-youre-stuck-indoors.html

https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html

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VIRTUAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR

March 25th

Zechariah: Your Kingdom Come

Pastor Timothy Prince, Guest Preacher

Midweek services LIVE are streamed at 7:00pm www.oursaviorburlington.com

March 25th Lent 5 "First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask" Zech 8:20–23 Pastor Timothy Prince April 1st Lent 6 "The Redeemer's Refinery" Zech 13:1–2) Pastor Tim Oswald This Lent, rejoice, for God's kingdom comes to you—through Jesus our Lord!

VIRTUAL ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED Grow in the Word!

The Book of Philippians	Paused		Chris Burris
The Book of Revelation	Next Sunday 9:30-10:30am	Online at www.oursaviorburlington.com	Pastor Rob
Good News Class	Paused		Pastor Rob
Bible Art Journaling	Temporarily sharing on-line only	Facebook: Faithful You	Sandy Sierszyn 414-380-3950 (cell)

LOVE, INC. The meal site service is temporarily closed as are our stores. However, the food pantry and services are still available. Even though our stores have to close for a little while, you can still support our mission right from the comfort of home by going to https://www.love-inc.net/donate/online-donations/ If you or someone you know needs help, or wants to help those who do reach out, please call 262-763-6226.

POSTOPNED The Vision Path Congregation Creative Event scheduled for March 29th at noon with Mark Frith is postponed and will be rescheduled.

CHURCH JANITOR POSITION Email Pastor Rob <u>pastor.rob@oursaviorburlington</u> or Tom Burger <u>tom.burger@oursaviorburlington.com</u> if you would like to apply for the position of Church Janitor.

What To Do About Coronavirus?

Pray:

Spare Your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Take Care: Wise personal hygiene practices and simple precautions can help limit the spread of infection.

Take Courage: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1). In life we are comforted by the Lord's precious and very great promises; in death, we await the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Stay Informed: Look here for up-to-date Pandemic Preparedness and Worship Resources:

https://www.cdc.gov

www.lcms.org

Martin Luther's Prayer

"Get away, you devil, with your terrors! Just because you hate it, I'll spite you by going the more quickly to help my sick neighbor. I'll pay no attention to you: I've got two heavy blows to use against you: the first one is that I know that helping my neighbor is a deed well-pleasing to God and all the angels; by this deed I do God's will and render true service and obedience to him. All the more so because if you hate it so and are so strongly opposed to it, it must be particularly acceptable to God. I'd do this readily and gladly if I could please only one angel who might look with delight on it. But now that it pleases my Lord Jesus Christ and the whole heavenly host because it is the will and command of God, my Father, then how could any fear of you cause me to spoil such joy in heaven or such delight for my Lord? Or how could I, by flattering you, give you and your devils in hell reason to mock and laugh at me? No, you'll not have the last word! If Christ shed his blood for me and died for me, why should I not expose myself to some small dangers for his sake and disregard this feeble plague? If you can terrorize, Christ can strengthen me. If you can kill, Christ can give life. If you have poison in your fangs, Christ has far greater medicine. Should not my dear Christ, with his precepts, his kindness, and all his encouragement, be more important in my spirit than you, roguish devil, with your false terrors in my weak flesh? God forbid! Get away, devil. Here is Christ and here am I, his servant in this work. Let Christ prevail! Amen."

From: Luther, M. (1999). Luther's works, vol. 43: Devotional Writings II. (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 43, pp. 127–128). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.