

# SVERDRUP LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dylan Geihlsler, Clarice Peterson, Jim Andersen, Joyce Beck, and Alice Pederson.

## Coming Up at Sverdrup Lutheran Church

Sun. 3/20	9 am 10 am 10:15 am	<b>Worship Service — Communion</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School</b>
Wed. 3/23	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>6 pm</b> 6:45 pm	<b>Lenten Soup Supper</b> <b>Lenten Group, "Embrace Simplicity"</b> Choir Practice
Thur. 3/24	7 pm	AA Meeting
Sun. 3/27	9 am 10 am/10:15 am 10-10:40 am	<b>Worship Service — YOUTH SERVICE</b> <b>Fellowship/Sunday School</b> <b>First Communion Workshop — 4th Graders</b>

## Offering and Attendance

Week Date	Offering	Auto Giving	TOTAL	Service Group	Food Shelf	Sound System	Attendance
3/13	\$361	\$910	<b>\$1271</b>	\$55.60	\$50	\$170	61
3/16	\$185		<b>\$185</b>		\$166	\$35	52

*Visitors, please fill out the orange card in the pews and place it in the offering plate. We thank you for joining us today and please join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following worship.*

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You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.  
Psalm 63:1 (NIV)



March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ELW #521, vs. 1, 2, 4

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✝ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW #623, vs. 1, 3, 4

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

### SENDING MUSIC

## THE APOSTLE'S 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.

## THE PRAYERS

### THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**COMMUNION SONG** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494, vs. 1, 2, 4

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

*Gluten free wafer fellowship kits are available.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.** <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. <sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.** <sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, <sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.** <sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. <sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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## GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

## MESSAGE

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## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Restore in Us, O God"*

ELW 328 (all)