

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thursday, March 12th
Sunday, March 15th

An outline of today's sermon:

“PURE GRACE FOR YOU!”

Text: Romans 5:6-8 “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

INTRODUCTION – In building a house, the foundation is the most important thing: it must be solid, straight and level. It is no different in the business of building lives. One needs a firm foundation to build upon, and from which to take direction. The grace of God in our lives is that foundation. History and time prove that those who trusted in the grace of God were never disappointed, frustrated or defeated!

- 1 – Out of Egypt, a lesson.**
- 2 – To every Pi Hahiroth, God gives a Baal-Zephon.**
- 3 – For every problem, God has a solution.**
- 4 – For every time of suffering, God grants healing.**
- 5 – For every sin and rebellion, there is forgiveness**
- 6 – A life built on God's grace will never fail.**
- 7 – The order: Christ first died for us – then we believed.**

CONCLUSION – During the Sundays in Lent the weekly themes are rich in grace. They all point to a loving God who is always ready to come to the rescue of the sinners. This is just the ticket we need when we confront ourselves with God's law and realize our sinfulness. In the dark despair caused by our contrition and repentance, we find the light of the Father's love and forgiveness. He will never leave us or forsake us! Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is led by Pastor Sander. This class is studying *The Gospel of John*. Come and join us at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is led by Pastor Sander at 6:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. This class is studying the Gospel of Luke.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY meets at 9:15AM and 7:00PM, and is discussing the Sermon on the Mount. The morning class meets in the Fellowship Hall and the evening class meets in Jaime's office and via Skype. If you would like a copy of the book or the Skype call-in code, please contact Jaime.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Mr. Graf will be leading a Bible Class on what Scriptures have to say about "forgiveness" and "suffering" from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Pastor Sander leads this Bible Study on the *New Testament* at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying the Gospel of *Matthew*. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tom Wartick leads this Bible Study on Ephesians for men of all ages at 8:00AM on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for our study and breakfast.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS for the first quarter missions will go to Concordia Publishing House in Brazil. CPH is an official agency of the Brazilian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Whose mission is to foster doctrinal unity by publishing only books that went through "doctrinal review". May the Lord bless our special gifts of gratitude.

CHURCH INFORMATION

CALLED CHILDCARE/PRESCHOOL TEACHER: We are beginning our search to find a Called full-time teacher to lead our childcare classroom as well as some possible preschool opportunities. This position will continue to build on our church and school relationship and provide Christian education to our smallest of children. We would like your recommendations and referrals of possible candidates who are Synodically-trained and meet the WI-licensed Early Childhood requirements. Please email the preschool at preschool@bslc-wi.org or Duane Graf by March 31 and provide the potential candidate's name and current position/location. Please mention why you believe this person will be a good fit for our congregation. Our committee welcomes all personal recommendations and will follow up with you as a part of the Call process. Please pray with us that God will guide our committee with wisdom, and that He will provide our congregation with the right person!

PENNY CHALLENGE: It's Penny Challenge time! Sunday School offerings during the third trimester will be used to purchase animals through Lutheran World Relief for families and communities all over the world. Remember—the pennies, paper money, and checks you put in the milk jugs count for positive points, while silver coins result in negative points! If you are interested in donating to cover the cost of an animal, goats and sheep cost \$100, pigs \$45, and chickens \$40. If you have questions please see Jennifer Leinss.

EASTER PLANTS are available for purchase to beautify the altar on Easter. You may place your order on the bulletin board through April 6th. Thank you.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING If you are interested or plan on volunteering for VBS this summer please plan on attending a volunteer meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30. We will go over the schedule, receive some materials, and get to know one another! If you have questions or need further information, please see Jennifer Leinss.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Preschool is selling Kringle, cookie dough, pizza, and more now through March 27th. Funds raised will be put towards purchasing hand-chimes for the kids, field trips, and classroom upgrades and renovations to be completed this summer! Delivery is set for Tuesday, April 21st from 3:30-5:30. If you would like to support this cause please see Jennifer Leinss! Order forms can also be found on the SCRIP table in the hallway.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS If you would like to bring joy to a home bound member- we have 29 of them—consider taking an Easter basket and fill it with treats and take it to them. Names and suggested items are on the tags attached.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT is hosted by Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Friday, March 27 at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, music and a presentation by Tera Elness. To reserve your spot, please contact Women's Ministry through the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SALAD SUPPER Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available between Church services by the Women's Ministries Bulletin Board for \$15. Enjoy Christian fellowship, delicious salads and desserts, Gift Basket Silent Auction, and musical program by the Waukesha Civic Broadway Singers. Treat relatives and friends to this special event. All women are invited! Volunteers and donations are also appreciated! Please sign up on the WM Bulletin Board as an event volunteer, to donate a Gift Basket, or to bring a salad and/or dessert that evening. Event proceeds will benefit a variety of mission projects. Thank you in advance for your participation!