

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, March 5th

Sunday, March 8th

An outline of today's sermon:

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

Text: John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

INTRODUCTION – It is curious that this sentence spoken by Jesus had an audience of one: Nicodemus. Yet, the message is addressed to every man, woman and child in the world. It expresses explicitly the very essence of the Gospel. It is called “the Gospel in a nutshell.” It is the strongest defense of Holy Baptism found in the whole Bible. A whole encyclopedia would not hold the meaning of this single sentence!

1 – Nicodemus’ I.D.

2 – Two moments in Nicodemus’ life.

3 – The Doctrine of Salvation 101.

4 – The simplicity of the Gospel.

5 – John 3:17 is reassuring!

6 – John 3:17 as guideline to us Christians.

7 – Rebirth: in and through Holy Baptism.

CONCLUSION –We should never refer to our baptism as an event that happened long ago. We should never talk about it without all out enthusiasm. The correct response to Holy Baptism is rejoicing and celebrating. After all, Holy Baptism brings us from death back to life! Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So, it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

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 Join us as we look at rejoicing through trials and triumphs in Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Our evening group meets at 7pm. Remember—this group meets at church, but also remotely! If you would like to join, but are unable to make it, you can call in via Skype to participate. Our morning group meets at 9:15am. To get a copy of the book, or to receive the Skype code, please contact Jaime Greene.

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 Concordia Publishing House is an official agency of the Brazilian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Its 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

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.

LENT FAMILY DEVOTIONS are available on the table in the Narthex. If you need a past week, please contact Jaime Greene. These devotions are designed for families with kids ages birth-5th grade. Preschool families will receive their weekly bags at chapel time.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Preschool will be 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.

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION LUNCHEON Please join us for a broasted chicken and salad lunch to welcome our new members: Sunday, March 15, after the second service. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for side dishes and desserts.

LENTEN MEALS Please plan to participate in our free meals on Wednesday during lent: after the morning serviced and before the evening service.

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.

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS GAME Join Blessed Savior at the Admirals hockey game on Sunday, March 22nd at 3pm. We will also have the chance to sing "God Bless America" while the kids play the handbells. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$7.50 for kids (ages 2-14) and seniors (ages 62 and up). Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 12 with how many tickets you want and indicate if you are willing to sing or play bells.

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.

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. Advance tickets will be available beginning March 8th 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!

Salad Supper volunteers and donations needed and appreciated. Please sign up on the WM Bulletin Board as a Salad Supper event volunteer, to donate a Gift Basket, and/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!