A landscape photograph featuring three crosses on a hill. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the sky and the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. The hill is a dark, rounded mound, and the three crosses are silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*Therefore, my brothers, . . .
stand firm thus in the Lord*

Philippians 4:1

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

3210 Maple Drive, Plover, Wisconsin 54467

Phone: Church 715-341-2898

E-mail: secretary@bsavior.onmicrosoft.com

Website www.beautifulsaviorploverwi.com

Guest Pastor Corey Shaffer

Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion



Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.

- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER-- “God’s own child, I gladly say it; I am baptized into Christ . . . I’m a child of paradise!” (LSB 594:1, 5) What a joy it is to sing this hymn! The prophet Isaiah also wants Judean exiles in Babylon to know the joy of belonging to God. The problem, though, was that these people weren’t interested in singing the song of salvation. Babylon seemed to offer so much more! Isaiah counters with some of the most magnificent promises in the Old Testament, all to the end that God’s people remember that they are His. On the day when you were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, your pastor probably also spoke these words to you: “Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.” We are marked, forever! “Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine” (LSB 594:4).

.....

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

✠ PREPARATION ✠



“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” LSB 684, vs. 1–3

INVOCATION *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 38*

Pastor: Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger or discipline me in Your wrath.

Men: **My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.**

Women: *My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.*

Men: **I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.**

Women: *I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart.*

Men: **All my longings lie open before You, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from You.**

Women: *My heart pounds; my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes.*

Men: **I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth;**

All: **We wait for You, O Lord; You will answer, O Lord our God.**

Pastor: We confess our iniquity; we are troubled by our sin.
Women: *O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.*
Men: **Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.**
Pastor: God has heard your cry for help and comes to you in mercy and grace. Christ's blood forgives you; His resurrection absolves you; His Holy Spirit enlivens you, and His sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper assure you that He has put away your sins as far as the east is from the west. These promises belong to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

 **RESPONSE** "Come unto Me, Ye Weary" LSB 684, vs. 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray. Loving and gracious Father, we thank and praise You for the gift of Holy Baptism. Through water and the Word You cleanse us from our sin, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and make us Yours forever. May we always treasure and cherish this gift, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 44:1–5* (Israel, the LORD's chosen)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 4* (Answer me when I call.)

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:15–5:6* (Jesus is our High Priest.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

 **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Marked!"

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:9–13* (Jesus calls Matthew.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



HYMN

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LSB 601

SERMON “Marked” *Isaiah 44:1-5*

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781, vs.1-2

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord of power and might, we are forever thankful that our Savior bore on His body the marks of holy love.

People: **The whips, thorns, nails, and spear left their mark.**

Pastor: You have left Your mark upon us in the waters of Holy Baptism:

People: **Cleansing forgiveness, new birth, and the gift of eternal life.**

Pastor: You empower us to leave this mark upon others

People: **Through “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Galatians 5:22–23)**

Pastor: Enable us to bear on our body the marks of Christ

People: **Until the whole world knows that He is Savior and Lord.**

+ Additional Prayers may be added here +

Pastor: Father in heaven, hear us, deliver us, and bring us at last to our heavenly home where You live with the Son and Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;* *Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed,
took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and
gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠
body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of
Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when
He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it,
all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which
is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Rev. 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim
the Lord’s death until He comes.
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in
Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: **Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.**



NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home” LSB 673

“What Is the World to Me” LSB 730

“In God, My Faithful God” LSB 745

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ’s redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**



HYMN

“Christ the Eternal Lord” LSB 829, vs. 1, 3, 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Copyright © 2014 Concordia Publishing House. Singing with the Exiles; Service: Midweek of Lent 2

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 2.

Copyright © 2024 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7-20

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

February Financial Recap:

February Givings (Thank you!) \$27,050.29

Monthly Need: \$17,812.08

Overage: \$ 9,238.21

Parking Lot Project:

\$66,968.00

Goal: \$100,000

Scrip profit from 3/3/25-3/9/25: \$18.50

Life Quotes: March 16 On St. Joseph: “Though Mary’s husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life.” *Pastor Michael Saleminik, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

Fridays—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study

Wednesdays—Lent Meals and Bible Study, 5:30-7pm

March 23—Congregational Call Meeting following church

March 23—1pm Doll Makeover Part



Friday Study: Pastor Dan will lead “You are Never Alone” based on the book by Max Lucado. This study explores Christ’s miracles and how He is still at work in our lives. March 21: The Long Walk Between Offered and Answered Prayer.

Call Process:

Thank you to the volunteers serving on our Call Committee:

Karol Harris, Marv Hopp, Lee Loomis, Werner Gross, Kristi Philhower

Update: **We will hold a Congregational Call Meeting next Sunday, March 23rd, following church. We need a quorum of 25% of eligible voters to hold a vote.** Absentee Ballot voting is available in the office, March 17-20, 8am-12pm, if you absolutely cannot attend the meeting.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive: Feb. 23-March 16. There is a box in the narthex for your donations (all of which will remain in the Stevens Point/Plover area helping those here). Most needed items include deodorant, dental care items, feminine care products, soap, diapers, trash bags, laundry detergent, and other items listed on the poster. Small sized items found at a Dollar Store are perfect. We are also collecting **sweatshirts and sweatpants** (sizes L or XL preferred) for the mental health unit. Thank you for your donations.

Grief Share Classes: Tuesdays, 4:30-6pm through May 27. These sessions make it possible for individuals to begin or continue the healing process after the loss of a loved one or dear friend. Pastor Dan will be facilitating. Pamphlets are available in the narthex.

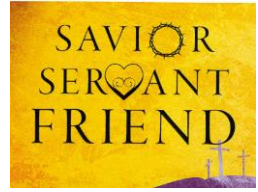


North WI District LWML Spring Retreat: Ready, Set, Rejoice! **Saturday, March 29 (with optional overnight on Friday, March 28)** at Camp Luther. All ladies are welcome! You are invited to come ready to relax, laugh, study His Word, and enjoy the rest and retreat of Camp. \$40 per person for Saturday only; Friday and Saturday is \$85 per person. Registration is due by March 15th. Please see Heidi Gross or Teresa Barthel for more information and the registration form.

Wednesday Lenten Meals and Bible Study: 5:30-6pm, dinner; 6-7pm Bible

Study. March 19th we will be having Chili (and possibly other soups) and focusing on Jesus as our Healer. How can you help?

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex (dessert, clean-up, host on March 26). We look forward to growing together this Lenten season.



OGT Doll Makeover Party: March 23rd, 1-3pm.

Come help us makeover the many dolls donated to Orphan Grain Train. We will wash faces, comb hair, pick out clothing, and add accessories. Help us give these dolls a little love before they travel to new places and waiting children. All are invited!



OLD TESTAMENT:

Isaiah 44:1-5

¹“But now hear, O Jacob My servant,

Israel whom I have chosen!

²Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you:

Fear not, O Jacob My servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.

⁴They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.

⁵This one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The Lord’s,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:15-5:6

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

^{5:1}For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act

on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”; ⁶as He says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

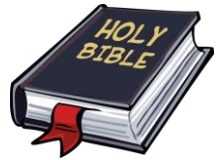
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he rose and followed Him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when He heard it, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

March 16-22, 2025

Week 12 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Exodus 27-33:

1. What was some of the symbolism God had them include in the priestly garments (ch.28)?
2. What was the purpose of the Altar of Incense (ch.30)?
3. What was Aaron’s role in the Golden Calf incident (ch.32)? Does he try to right the wrong that is being committed?
4. How was Israel punished for their idolatrous behavior (32:19-20, 27-35)?

Proverbs 3-9:

1. What is the value of wisdom (3:13-18)?
2. What does Proverbs 6 teach about laziness?
3. How could Proverbs 8:22-31 be read as a Messianic prophecy? When read that way, what do we learn about Jesus from these verses?

John 6-12:

1. In John 6:60-71, “many disciples desert Jesus.” Why?
2. Jesus refers to “spiritual blindness” in 9:35-41. What is spiritual blindness?
3. Why do you think Jesus waited two days before going to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (11:1-16)?

General Questions to consider:

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 3/16/2025 – 3/22/2025

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named):

Family of Art Holford; Schultz Family; Kubisiak family (Roy's mother passed away); Karen Holman (mother, Rose Janke, passed away); Family of Sharon Hughes

Situations:

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse), those struggling with mental health

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Phil Idsvoog; BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Jane Dubois; Lynda Helmrick

Hospitalized/Recovering:

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); **Beautiful Savior as we are in the Call process**

Shut-ins: Mary S.; Anita C.

Birthdays:

3/20 Claire Vogler

3/22 Traci Adams

Baptism Birthdays:

3/16 Noah Viegut

3/17 Jeff Viegut

3/18 Anna Peters

3/19 Addie Barthel

3/20 Curtis Hughes

3/22 Kyle Wagoner

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center

Camp Luther

Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy

Weden

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School

Immanuel Lutheran School

Future Lutheran High School

Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators

& Linda Jordan

J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family

Orphan Grain Train Center

Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

Anniversaries:

***Please let us know if you
have any prayer requests –
Thank you! ***

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Epistle: Philippians 3:17–4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31–35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”



Lent

About the Cover: When it feels as though everything around us is crumbling, Jesus offers us the foundation we can stand firm on: Him! He has accomplished what we could not. His cross stands as a testament to His determination and love for us. By dying on the cross and rising again, Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Therefore, in all trials and temptations, we can stand firm in Christ alone.