



# Restoring Relationships

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

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*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all people to know God by heart. God promises to “forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.” We see these promises fulfilled in Christ, who dies on a cross to forgive our sin so that we may have life. Because of this act of love, we are empowered to forgive ourselves and others*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with my people.*

**I will write my law on their hearts. I will be their God.**

**They will be my people.**

*They will no longer simply teach one another ideas about who I am, but they will know me firsthand, and by heart.*

**I will forgive their sin and wipe their slate clean, giving all people a brand new start.**

*This is my new covenant for I am your Three-in-One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**HYMN***Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**CONFESSION**

*It's hard for us to comprehend how God could forgive us, because we know our faults and our failures all too well.*

*God,*

**You love us and want us to love You in return and to love each other. You forgive us, and want us to forgive others, too. We are not able to love and forgive as we should. Sin has us in its grip and it won't let go. We need you to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Forgive us.**

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**FORGIVENESS**

*God is saying this to us today: you are loved. Not some of the time, but all the time. You are forgiven. Not just for some things, but for everything. The slate has been wiped clean and thrown away. You are loved, forgiven and restored. And all God's thankful, forgiven people say together, "Amen." **Amen.***

**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.***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*God,*

**help us to let go of those things that eat away at our soul. We carry the scars of wounded relationships and bitter confrontations. We hold our grudges far too long. Teach us how to live empty-handed and open-hearted. Convince us, once again, of how deeply we are loved and forgiven. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalms 119:9-16**

*How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.*

**With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

*Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.*

**With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

*I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.*

**I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**John 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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## SERMON *“Restoring Relationships Through Forgiveness”*

### APOSTLES 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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who are 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING HYMN** *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* #609 vs 1,3,5

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,  
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

## DISMISSAL

*Go and forgive as you have been forgiven. Go and love as you have been loved. Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!**

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## UPCOMING Events

### **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30am** Worship/Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

**10:30am** OSL Church Council Meets

**5:00pm** Confirmation

**6:30-8:00pm** HS Youth Group Meets

### **Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:30am** Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom  
*Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa*

### **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

DOG Night Video for Lent will be posted on our website/Facebook/YouTube

**6:30pm** Mid-Week Lenten Service in the building and live streamed on Facebook and YouTube- "Created For Community"

### **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm** Lent Bible Study with Chelle on Zoom

*Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843 Password: 372054*

### **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom  
*Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa*

### **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Palm Sunday*

**9:30am** Worship in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube

**3:00pm** Bear Butte Conference Assembly- Calvary Lutheran

**6:30-8:00pm** HS Youth Group

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### We Lift in Prayer...

\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Kyle Davis; Marilyn Dikoff (Sister-in-law of Roger and Betty); Randy (Cousin of Peg Tesch); Helen Munce (Cousin of the Neugebauers)

\*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Darius Hunsaker; Ashley James; Aldean (Cousin of Deanne Hagen); Esther Downen; Linda Morrison; Glen; Bruce Sunding; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson)

\*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Randy (Shotgun) Schumack; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)

\*\*For those in long-term care facilities

\*\*For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

\*\*For our leaders at every level.

\*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



LuMin: The Hills, under the direction of Rachel Nelson, offers post-secondary students opportunities for community, service, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and Bible study at The Luther House in Rapid City and The Living Room in Spearfish. In the last couple of years and in the midst of the pandemic, this ministry has expanded to post-secondary schools beyond just Mines & BH. Students from SDSU Nursing, USD Nursing, WDT, Mines and BH now participate in LuMin activities, building relationships and deepening faith. Rachel has been finding out-of-the box ways during the pandemic to continue to build relationships and deepen faith among students and their families for those who have children. One fun activity has been Zoom meal preparing, conversations and devotions. Rachel delivers meal ingredients to students twice a week and they gather via Zoom to prepare the meals and eat together wherever they are at. It costs about \$160 per student per year to fund this part of the ministry. Your financial donations will help support this wonderful meal ministry as well as all of the other LuMin activities. Your donation will also help OSL retain the title of "Most Tickets Sold/Largest Financial Donation" given at the LuMin Chili Cook-Along fundraiser on March 21. This means we can keep the trophy for another year! 😊 Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your help.

# HOLY WEEK @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Palm  
Sunday

Sunday, March 28th  
9:30am



Maundy  
Thursday

Thursday, April 1st  
6:30pm



Good  
Friday

Friday, April 2nd  
6:30pm



Easter  
Sunday

Sunday, April 4th  
7:30am  
9:30am  
11:00am

All services will be both in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube. Masks will be worn in the building. The whole community is invited. Bring your friends!

Please call or email the church office to make reservations for the Easter service of your choice so we can keep in check with the CDC guidelines- 605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net

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## Free Community Drive-Thru Easter Baskets and Breakfast Burritos



**Saturday, April 3rd**  
**10:00am-until we run out of baskets/food**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot**

**THE GOOD NEWS CONTINUES!!!**

Join us in the parking lot to receive free Easter baskets for the kids and Breakfast burritos/drinks for everyone! We are not going to let COVID cancel or ruin our Easter fun and celebrations! FREE for the whole community. Spread the word and bring your friends!

**\*\*Children and/or adults must be present to receive burritos and/or baskets.\*\***

*\*Sponsored by the OSL Outreach Committee*

## WANTED: Flowers for Easter



Would you like to loan OSL Easter lilies or other flowers for Easter Sunday? We are loving the idea of filling the alter with beautiful flowers, but will not be having a fundraiser this year. We just need the flowers loaned and then picked up.

Or, if you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, in honor or memory of someone, please let Josie know by March 29<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial/In-Honor-Of list will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Plants/flowers can be dropped off at OSL starting Maundy Thursday, but preferably not until Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They can then be picked up after the 11:00 Easter Service, or the following week during office hours Tuesday-Thursday 10am-3pm. The office will be closed the Monday following Easter.

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE  
CHALLENGE?**

Because of the amazing generosity of our congregation, we have raised over \$14,000 for our Sound and Broadcasting Systems Project! This includes two previous challenges that were met for \$1000 each!

A third \$1000-matching challenge has been issued by anonymous members of the congregation! Yes, they will match up to another \$1000!

If you can give to this challenge, please do. And a huge thank you to everyone that has already donated.