

Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

For March 7, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 3/7/21—3/13/21

SUNDAY- Psalm 88
MONDAY- Psalm 89:1-18
TUESDAY- Psalm 89:19-37
WEDNESDAY- Psalm 89:38-52
THURSDAY- Psalm 90
FRIDAY- Psalm 91
SATURDAY- Psalm 102



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3/7/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship / First Communion
9:30am OSLC Sunday School
10am OSLC Worship / Holy Communion

3/10/21

9am Quilters
7pm Holden Evening Prayer on Facebook Live

3/14/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship / Confirmation Class
9:30am OSLC Sunday School
10am OSLC Worship

*As a way to stay connected through these winter months, we're continuing our Zoom Book study going through Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm over Zoom. Our next meeting will be March 15th. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Eric.

Balsamlund Announcements

Make-up dates for Balsamlund Milestone Celebrations

Balsamlund Confirmation Class dates- March 14, March 28, April 18, May 2, & May 16.

OSLC Announcements

*If you are unable or don't feel comfortable joining us inside for worship, we are now using our FM Transmitter to broadcast Sunday morning worship to the parking lot. Please park upfront facing the front doors to get the best signal from the transmitter.

* Easter flower order forms are due to the office by March 21. Extra forms are available on the table in the fellowship hall. Please write checks out to OSLC Youth.

*Anyone interested in attending Camp Emmaus this summer, early bird registration is due by March 21st. You can register online, and please contact Roxie with names and dates your child will be attending.

*Quilters will begin quilting again on March 10th, at 9am. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Zeller.



I always like this coming week in Lent because we get Feisty Jesus.

In our scripture for this week, Jesus is fresh off of his time in the Wedding at Cana where he turns water into wine. He heads into Jerusalem for the Passover and sees all kinds of merchants in the temple. People are selling cattle, sheep, and doves. They're exchanging currency. They're doing all kinds of things *except* worshipping God, which for Jesus is the purpose of God's house.

So he gets mad. He turns over tables. He makes a cord of whips and drives out the animals. He scatters the coins all over. And people are appalled.

They demand to know who gave Jesus the authority to do this.

But they don't know what the gospel writer (John) knows. And they don't know what we know. They don't know that Jesus is the eternal Word made flesh. They don't know that Jesus is the Son of God walking among us in grace and truth.

Nobody in that temple has the authority to tell Jesus who he is because God has already done so. It is Christ's authority that intercedes and overrules human authority in the temple.

That same authority from Jesus intercedes for us when we've been wrongly accused of things or when we've had our authority or identity held in question.

The people ask Jesus, "who do you think you are?" Jesus responds with a challenge, "Destroy this temple and in three days, I'll raise it up."

Jesus can say this because he knows exactly who he is and he knows exactly why he is walking among these leaders in the temple.

May this same reassurance greet you today: *you are exactly who God says you are. Whole. Forgiven. Loved.*

No one else has the authority to say anything against Jesus. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him and he uses that authority to forgive us in times of trial and make us whole when we feel like we are falling short.

That's the gift of life with Jesus.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Eric