

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

For March 21, 2021

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 3/21/21—3/27/21

SUNDAY- Psalm 21

MONDAY- Daniel 9:1-19

TUESDAY- Daniel 9:20-27

WEDNESDAY- Daniel 10:1-11:1

THURSDAY- Habakkuk 1:1-17

FRIDAY- Habakkuk 2:1-20

SATURDAY- Habakkuk 3:1-19



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3/21/21

8:30am Balsamlund Worship

9:30am OSLC Sunday School

10am OSLC Worship / Holy Communion

3/22/21

6pm Balsamlund Council Meeting

3/24/21

9am Quilters

7pm Holden Evening Prayer on Facebook Live

3/27/21

3pm OSLC 1st Communion Class

3/28/21 Palm Sunday

8:30am Balsamlund Worship

9am OSLC Fellowship

9:20am OSLC Sunday School

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## Balsamlund Announcements

\*Balsamlund Council Meeting 6pm on March 22.

## Make-up dates for Balsamlund Milestone Celebrations

Balsamlund Confirmation Class dates 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.

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

\* Please get your Easter flower order forms to the office by today. Extra forms are available on the table in the fellowship hall. Please write checks out to OSLC Youth.

\* We will be starting some spring cleaning projects. We will be doing them in small groups starting on April 11, we are looking for 5 people to help with washing windows. Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Please watch bulletin for future cleaning projects and dates.

**\*We are happy to announce we will be starting up fellowship before worship.** Our first Sunday will be Palm Sunday March 28th. Fellowship will start at 9am. The first few Sundays will be hosted by members of council. We will have sign-up sheets out soon for others to sign up. We have a few guidelines to follow. They will be posted in the kitchen.

**\* Please note Sunday School will be changing to 9:20am starting on Palm Sunday.**

**\*Teachers Needed:** If you are interested in teaching Sunday School and/or VBS, please let Pastor Eric or Dawn know. If you have any questions you can talk to Roxie or Ronnie. Teachers are needed for this Summers VBS as well as next school year. Two teachers will be stepping down for sure so we are in need of volunteers to fill these roles.

A couple years ago my family went to Disney on Ice in Fargo. Lily was 4 at the time and we got her dressed up in her favorite Elsa costume, made sure her tiara was straight, and walked into the Fargo-dome.

I still remember her face as we walked from the concourse through the tunnel to get a full view of the ice and all of the props and castle sets that were around. Her eyes were as big as saucers. It was almost like she wasn't walking, but was being magnetically drawn into this experience of enchantment.

Have you ever had that kind of experience?

That kind of experience where something in front of you has drawn you in so deeply that you lose track of yourself?

I've been thinking about these experiences this week because of what Jesus says in our gospel lesson for this coming Sunday.

We jump forward in our reading of John to Palm Sunday. Jesus has just entered Jerusalem in the palm procession/protest march and he goes to the temple to foretell his death on the cross yet again.

The words he uses are telling and important for what happens on the cross.

Verses 31-33 read: *Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.*" (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

This world's ruler will be overthrown. When Jesus is lifted high on the cross, he will draw everyone to himself in love.

Sometimes the things that draw us in are harmless -- like fascination with Disney on Ice or perhaps a beautiful sunrise or sunset. But some things draw us in and are harmful -- prejudice, mistrust, anger, greed, pride. These are all seductive things that can draw us in.

But those things all belong to this world. And **when Jesus is lifted high on the cross, he overthrows their power and draws us instead to him in love.**

As we draw closer to Palm Sunday and the week set apart to remember this story of God's power over sin and death, we turn our attention to the cross.

Because it's on that cross that our savior overthrows the power of sin and death and draws all of creation to him in love.

May God overthrow the sin and death alive in our hearts and our communities.

May God continually call us out of those places of despair into hope.

May God grant us the strength and wisdom to be drawn to him in love.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Eric