



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

April 3, 2022

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 4/3—4/9



SUNDAY- Psalm 43
MONDAY- John 9:1-12
TUESDAY- John 9: 13-41
WEDNESDAY- John 11:1-27
THURSDAY- John 11:28-44
FRIDAY- John 11:45-57
SATURDAY- John 12: 1-11

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4/3 Fifth Sunday in Lent

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion
Sydney Sue Steinke Baptism

4/6 Wednesday

9am Quilters
5pm Worship Meeting
5:30pm Lent Soup & Sandwich Supper
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
4/9 Saturday First Communion Class @ 3pm

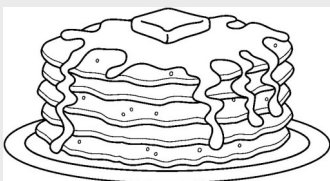
4/10 Palm Sunday

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / First Communion

Balsamlund Announcements :

- Confirmation is every 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Lenten 'Thursday' Services April 7th.

5:30pm Lent Soup/Sandwich Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:00pm



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast...

...on Palm Sunday, April 10th, after worship.

Proceeds for kids to go to camp.

Free-will offering.

OSLC Announcements:

* **A special "Thank You" to Campership** for graciously hosting last Wednesday's Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper. The meal was scrumptious.

* **First Communion Class is Saturday**, April 9th at 3:00pm

* Sunday, April 17th, Fellowship Coffee Servers is open.

* WELCA Spring Gathering, April 26th. 8am registration/9am Program @ Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St SE Wadena. "BE JUST AND KIND" theme. All are welcome to attend.

* EASTER FLOWERS The Youth Group will be selling flowers again this year. Order forms are available in bulletins and on the table in the fellowship hall. We will be offering Easter Lilies in 6" pots, Tulips in 6" pots, Mums in 6" pots and Gerber Daisy's in 4" pots.

Order deadline is April 4th. Please return the order form & payment to the church office.

* Want to serve as Altar Guild? Sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship table and/or contact the church office. Months open are: May, June, July, August, September, & November.

* Please note: Fellowship Hall Reservations : April 3rd (after worship), April 10th (11am-2pm), April 30th, and May 1st (11am-2pm).

Wednesday, April 6 Join us...

Lent Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30pm

Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome!



"When the world gets to be too much, my family has a reminder that is meant to be funny, but also to point to some truth: humans are basically house plants with more complicated emotions.

It's a reminder for us to get back to basics. What do plants need to thrive? Sunshine. Water. Nourishment. Time.

When we're experiencing a lot of stress, it can be easy to over-complicate our healing. Have you had water today? Have you had a chance to get outside? Have you eaten? For me, another aspect of this is leaning into some kind of simple devotion -- a simple way of connecting with God that gives me a chance to set the stresses of the world down for a bit.

This past week, when I was reading through a devotion, I found a prayer from a great saint of the church that has really stuck with me. It comes from Saint Teresa of Avila, who was a Spanish nun in the 1500s. She writes this to remind us of the importance of embodying the love of Christ:

Christ has no body but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which He looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet which He walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body.

Christ has no body now but yours.

It's a powerful prayer and reminds us that we are called as the church to be the body of Christ in the world -- to move through the world as Christ did, loving and walking alongside those in need.

It is prayed in a way that is meant to encourage us like the house plant illustration above, not to put undue pressure on us, but to remind us that our tasks forward are quite simple (though often not easy).

No matter how complicated the world may get, God's call for our lives remains love.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Love your neighbor as God has loved you.

This continues to be the call that leads us forward together.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Eric