

Midweek Lenten Service for March 15, 2023

Lent 3- Obedience and Preservation

Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, ***And also with you.***

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of their troubles.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

Keep our tongues from speaking evil and deceit. ***We are blessed to be a blessing.***

Call us to turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants. ***We are blessed to be a blessing.***

None who take refuge in the Lord will be condemned. ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: *God of creation and compassion, we do not always perceive our neighbors as you do. Whereas your heart overflows with love for all creatures, ours often wane. Expand the walls of hearts so that they can welcome others as you do. Amen*

Reading: Jonah 3

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a threedays’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Sermon***Brief silence for reflection*****Prayers of the People**

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace as those who betray through our disobedience to your will. When we are tempted, at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see your grace. ***Lord, have mercy.***

When we are tempted at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution. ***Lord, have mercy.***

When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through Jesus. ***Lord, have mercy.***

When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption. ***Lord, have mercy.***

We praise you for your faithfulness, for your mercies are new to us every morning. ***Lord, have mercy.***

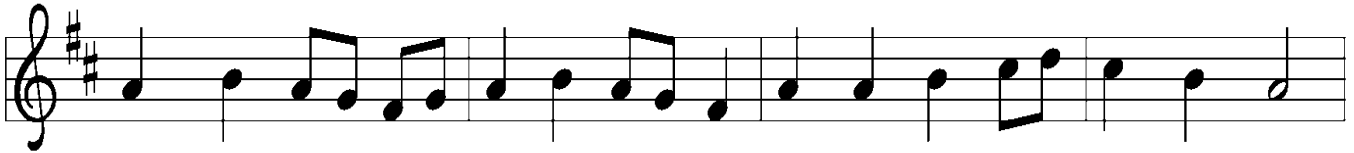
Lead us by your Spirit so we will say no to sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.

Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus. ***Amen.***

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction**Sending Hymn****Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.



Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship at New Salem Lutheran Church for 2023

**Midweek Lenten Services Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.
March 22, 29**



Palm Sunday Service, April 2, 9:30 a.m.



Holy Thursday Service, April 6, 6:30 p.m.



Good Friday Service - April 7, 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday Services - April 9

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. Service

Coffee Fellowship between services

****For those not comfortable worshipping in person, selected services will be
live streamed and shared online via New Salem's YouTube channel,
Facebook page and website (newsalemlutheran.org).***