



**OUR SAVIOR'S MORAVIAN CHURCH  
ALTURA, MINNESOTA**

website: [oursaviorsmoravian.org](http://oursaviorsmoravian.org) 



**March 22, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

The **Purpose** of this Church shall be to **glorify** God in adoration, **Love** and **service** as God's **missionary** to our **community**, our **nation**, and our **world**, bearing witness to **God's** redeeming **grace** in **Jesus Christ**."

**Watchword for the Week:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.  
Psalm 23:6

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 84:3-4

**\*Hymn** *God Is My Strong Salvation* #769

**Intercession in Time of Isolation**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn** *Good News! Our Christ Has Come!* #630

**Congregational Prayer**

**Scripture** John 9:1-41

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone* Insert

**Message** *Seeing God*

**\*Hymn** *I Do Not Know Tomorrow's Way* #727

**Offertory**

**\*Benediction**

**In Our Worship This Morning**

**Pastor:** Rev. Gregory M Behrend

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**Organist:** Cheryl Lovlien

Attendance last week: 24

Year to Date Average: 48

Weekly Need: \$2,234.00

Year to Date Need: \$24,574.00

Offering Last Week: \$1,075.00

Year to Date Offering: \$19,150.50

**Prayers**

Joyce Phillips, receiving hospice care (Whitewater Nursing Home, Saint Charles), Joan Schwager (Whitewater Nursing Home, Saint Charles), Alice Hendrickson (Green Prairie Rehab, Plainview). Betty Gatzlaff (Lewiston Assisted Living). Our Nation and World.

**On the Calendar**

**Today:** Worship 9:30am (Online)

**March 25:** Lenten Soup Supper and Worship 6:30p (Online)  
Choir Practice – 7:30pm (Cancelled)

**March 29:** Sunday School 8:30am (Cancelled)  
Worship 9:30am –Worship (Pending)

\*Easter Flowers order forms are due to the church office by Wed 3/25. If you are unable to email or mail in your order, call the church office and leave your request for Easter Flowers.

\*All are encouraged to continue to give their offering and tithes to the church either by mailing a check to the church, dropping off a check during the week OR giving online at [Oursaviorsmoravian.org](http://Oursaviorsmoravian.org) Thank you!

## **Intercession in Time of Isolation**

God of mercy, God of comfort, we come before you in this time of difficulty, mindful of human frailty and need, confused and struggling to find meaning in the face of uncertainty.

**We are grateful that even as we share in the joy of Christ Jesus, we can also share abundantly in comfort in the midst of uncertainty and loneliness.**

We pray for all who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus throughout the world.

**May your healing hands be upon them.**

We pray for all who are tirelessly working to fight this contagion and to care for those who are suffering and protecting those in harms way.

**May your Spirit of strength and courage prevail. Open our hearts in generosity and hope, that we may be partners in their commitment to bring relief to all.**

We pray for all who are isolated and alone. Those who are yearning for the love and interaction of another.

**May your presence fill each heart who is lonely.**

We pray for all who are filled with fear, sadness, frustration, and fatigue due to this current pandemic.

**We ask for the presence and strength of your spirit. That we may remain calm by your spirit and unwavering in our faith in you.**

We pray for all who are engaged in making important decisions in this time, for those who report on these events, and for those who shape public understanding.

**Give them the restraint to listen and the courage to speak out, that together we may discern the truth and hold aloft its light.**

We are your people Lord, we are your church, now and forever.

**You have called us by name to withstand the dangers and toils of this world. Help us now to remain grounded in your steadfast love.**

For we know that you sent your Son into this world, not to condemn the world, but instead that we all might be saved through his love and grace.

**Let us keep our eyes on our Savior. The Good Shepherd who will always search for his lost sheep.**

**Amen.**