

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th , 2024
9:00am**





OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO JESUS"**

WELCOME to this place of worship and prayer as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. . If you are **visiting**, please complete a yellow witness of worship card, placing it in the offering plate. We no longer need attendance cards filled out by current members.

OSLFAMILY.ORG – Check out our website to find the current Carillon newsletter, current weekly bulletins, calendar of events, sermon recordings, devotional links, congregational information, prayer request forms, event signup sheets and more.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers. There are also activity bags for preschool children.

OUR 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast live each week on WZNL 94.3 FM radio and is live streamed on our YouTube Channel, @oursaviourslutheranchurch-1040

WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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Prelude

*We would like to welcome all of our listeners at home to be a part of our worship today.
Your physical presence is missed, but your presence in the Spirit is among us always.*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

*Pray for an open heart to experience the presence of Jesus,
for your family, for your family of faith and for the worship team.*

**stand as you are able*

New Member Reception

***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

[C] We welcome you as members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church to join with us in worshipping God, hearing His Word and sharing His Supper, proclaiming the good news of Christ and serving our neighbors.

[P] Let us pray.

[C] We thank you, Lord, for these new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us together in you, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All. Amen.

The Celebration of God's Presence

***Confession and Absolution**

[P] We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

[C] We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen

Preparation for the Word

***Gathering Hymn – WOV #674 “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”** (blue hymnal)

***Greeting**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] And also with you.

***The Kyrie**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☪ Lord, have mer - cy.

[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☪ Lord, have mer - cy.

[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



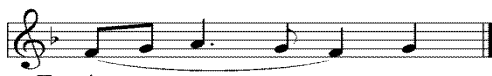
☪ Lord, have mer - cy.

[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



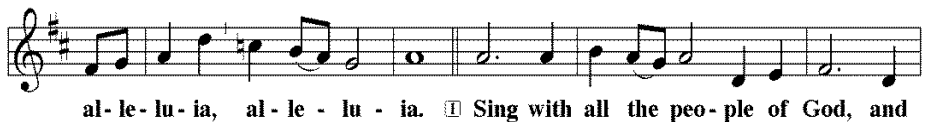
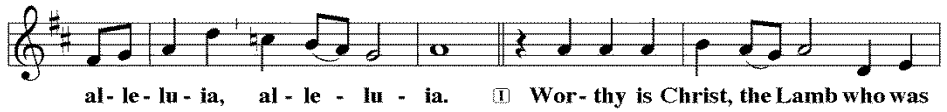
☪ Lord, have mer - cy.

[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



☪ A - men

*This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Salutation

[P]The Lord be with you.

④ And al - so with you.

*Prayer of the Day

[P] Heavenly Father,

[C] you give us forgiveness, resurrection, an life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Take not your Holy Spirit from us, that we remain eternally the braches of his vine, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music - "Because He Lives"
 Composer: William J Gaither

(Tom Nelson)

God's Word Guides Us

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

[L] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live
forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.

**³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: I John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Joy Nasi

*Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Proclamation of the Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

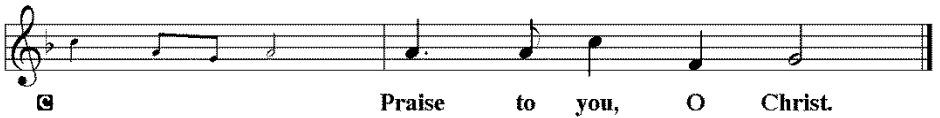


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

[P] The Gospel of Our Lord.



Meditation on the Word

Message

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman

Hymn of the Day – LBW #129 “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness” (*green hymnal*)

Prayers of the Church

Offering

*Offertory Response



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

[P] Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink you all of it. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

[P] The gifts of God for the people of God.

[C] Thanks be to God.

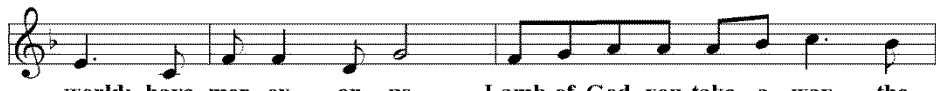
Lamb of God



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)

Communion Hymns

LBW #126 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

(Green Hymnal)

LBW #451 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

(Green Hymnal)

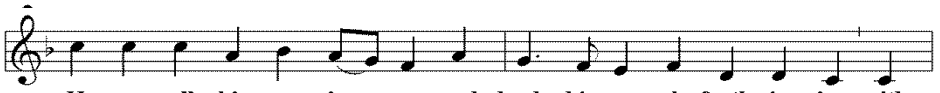
*Post Communion Canticle



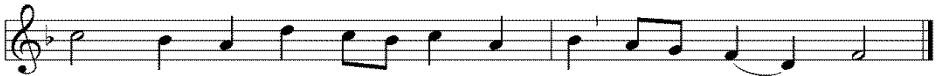
☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Post Communion Prayer

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] **O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Benediction

***Closing Hymn – LBW #143 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”** (*green hymnal*)

***Dismissal**

[P] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman

Organist Karen McCorkle

Music Tom Nelson

In Charge Ted Sparapani

Lector Donna Westphal

Ushers Doreen Olson

Lynne Reed

Terry Reed

Mark Moraska

Acolytes Bryce Johnson

Weston Jarski

Sound Tech Kris Kreh

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday 9:00 Communion Worship
 10:15 Sunday School
 11:30 Youth Group

Wednesday 8:45 Sewing Bee
 1:00 Quilters of Grace
 6:30 Confirmation Class

Thursday 10:00 Bible Study

Saturday 5:00 Communion Worship

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 10:15 Sunday School
 11:30 Youth Group

Announcements

SERVICE CANCELLATION – Saturday evening worship service is cancelled for April 27th.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Nick is Thursday at 10am!

USHERS NEEDED – Looking for a way to serve our church family? Why not consider ushering on a Sunday morning. We welcome singles, couples or families to fill this important ministry. If interested please call the church office.

ITEMS FOR SALE – OSL's 100th Anniversary Keepsakes, Cookbooks, T-Shirts, and Caps are still available for purchase. Please see Joy Nasi if interested !

LUTHERANISM 101/New Member Class - with Pastor Nick will resume May 26th! See you there!

NEED A BIBLE? – If you are in need of a Bible, you are welcome to take one home from the church pew.

PRISON MINISTRY – The prison ministry is growing quickly. There are currently 521 members at this time! Please consider giving to this important ministry to help with the cost of bibles, weekly letters and stamps. Those with Thrivent Insurance, please consider giving your Choice Dollars to the Prison Ministry!

Youth Activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL – will be at 10:15 after service today. All children from 4 years old to 6th grade are invited to join!

YOUTH GROUP – will begin at 11:30 after service today. Students in grade 7th thru 12th grade are invited. Please join us in the Youth Room for food, games and a bible lesson!

CONFIRMATION –Confirmation class will begin at 6:30 on Wednesday.

Please welcome the new members of our church family:

**Jessica Battan
Anastasia Taylor
Jocelyn Taylor
Kelli Ellis
Will Erickson Jr.
Brenda Freda
Derek Nord
Hanna Nord
Zach Nord
Myles Nord
Jace Nord
Halle Nord**

Prayer Concerns

Members: Linda Westman, Carol Bates, Michael Weber, Lois Martonen, Geno Schinderle, Bev Wadke, Cherie Cerasoli, Ed (Steve) Simbob, Sally Yuds, Jesse Wolfgram, Rita Huglen, John Chiamulera, Jessica Battan, Andy & Susie Tyrcha

Family Members: Anita & Bill Neuburg, Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Erika Niebla, Tyler Hiller, Derek Lindstrom, Justin Bouche, Frank Bergan, Lori Brown, Austin Meier, Jerry Anderson, Connie Veale-Jarrett, Weston, Luke M

Friends of Members: Gail Vornkahl, Kelly Bianco, Kevin Richtig, Jodi LaVarnway, Heather Huntley, Jennifer Romano, Linda J., Amy Johnson Brackett, Holt family, Mindy Valone, Julie Boyle, Don Conners, Matthew Everson, Xander, Gemma, Louise Witlock, Dale Race, Larry Clark, Todd, Brady, Kristi & family, Pam, Patty, Dr. Bill Asselin, Judy Angera

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All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas: Andrew Perla, Emily Boyd, Asher Boyd Neil Bradley, Claire Oberthaler, Max & Iris Robare Gaffey, Chris Carlson, Travis Smith, Zachariah Groskreutz, Connor Milbrath, Sam Carlson, Nick Schroeder

To add a name, please call the church office or visit our website! Names stay on the list for one month unless requested. Please be sure that you have asked their permission.

