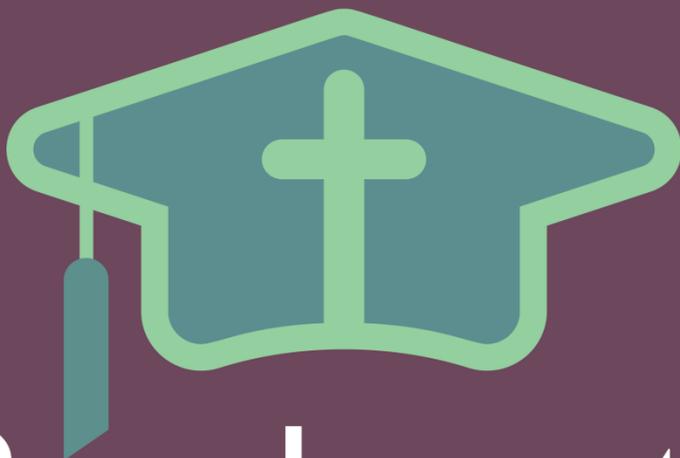


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

**May 16th, 2021
5:00pm & 9:00am**



**Baccalaureate
SERVICE**



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.

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OUR 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio**.

WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. There are gluten free and wine free options upon request. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

We would like to welcome all of our listeners & viewers 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, for the worship team.

The Celebration of God's Presence

***Confession & Forgiveness**

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

[C] Amen.

[P] Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sin.

[C] Lord God who makes all things new, 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, God 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. Amen.

Preparation for the Word

***Opening Hymn – ELW #825 “You Servants of God”**

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

9:00am - Special Music

Tom Nelson

“I Am The Way” (C. McCormick)

God's Word Guides

First Reading – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,
¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."
²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

[L] The word of the Lord.

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

Psalm I

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading - I John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

[L] The word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

*Proclamation of the Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Reading - John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

"Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify

them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation on the Word

Message - Pastor Paul Strom

Offertory Hymn – ELW #393 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

(If at this time you would like to bring forth an offering to the baskets at the front or back of the church, please do so.)

**A hymn of glory let us sing;
new hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his followers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**To whom the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say.
"This is his glorious triumph day."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**“You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Here after Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

***The Apostles' Creed**

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

**We 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

**We 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.**

***Prayers of the Church**

[P] ... Lord in your Mercy.

[C] Hear our prayer.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the 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.**

Holy Communion – Self Serve

***Post-Communion Blessing**

[P] Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Graduates & Quilts

(Students & parents please come forward to the rail)

[P] Students, this is an exciting time in your life's journey. We congratulate you on your high school graduation. Your accomplishment will help to open many opportunities for you. You are no longer children. You are young men and women whom God has graciously ushered into this amazing season in your life. Your life now and in the tomorrows to come will be a blessing to you and those around you if you choose to make Christ a part of your life's journey. Your faith and God's presence in your life will guide and bless you through the good times and through the rough times in life. So take time to seek God in prayer, read His word and gather often in worship, so that you will be strengthened in your faith and in your relationship with God. You can trust Jesus' promise to be with you as you go out into the world as his people.

As a reminder of all of these things, the women from our quilter's group have made you these quilts as a token of love from your Church family. These are not just ordinary quilts. Each quilt was made with a specific graduate in mind and prayed for as they were working on it. Each of these quilts have many hours of work put into them, hence many prayers for you!

[P] Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts, we give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts. We give thanks for the fellowship of all who worked together to make these Quilts and we send these Quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope.

[C] Bless these gifts, O lord.

[P] We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] We invite you to kneel so that your parents, along with the congregation, might pray for God's blessings to rest upon you.

(Students kneel)

Parents, would you place a hand upon your son or daughter that together we might pray for God's strength and guidance to rest upon them.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we thank you for each of these young people who have completed another chapter in their lives. We ask you to give them guidance and direction as they face the future. Help them to be open to your Spirit and to continue in faith as they venture out into the world. Together, Lord, we pray your blessing upon them:

[C] May your lives rest in the hands of the Lord, and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you and go with you forever more. Amen

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn – ELW #857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

***Dismissal**

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

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

Postlude

Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul Strom
Organist – Betty Soderberg
Saturday Pianist – Lois Outcalt
Music – Tom Nelson

	<u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm	<u>Sunday</u> 9:00am
In Charge	Larry Swartout	Bev Wadke
Lector	Cris Hamlin	Cris Hamlin
Ushers		Brent & Krista Buchcuski

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday	9:00am Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School/BASIC
Monday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5s
Tuesday	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4s
Wednesday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5s 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Hospice Quilters 6:30 Confirmation Practice
Thursday	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4s 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Centennial Committee Meeting 6:30 Bible Study
Friday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5s
Saturday	5:00 Evening Communion Worship
Sunday	9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School/BASIC 11:00 Confirmation Service

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST are given to the glory of God by Al & Linda Westman.

BACCALUARETTE SUNDAY IS TODAY. We are blessing our graduates at the 9:00am service. Graduates are:

Gabriel Ceello	Macy Edwards
Christina Englund	Bennett Klossner
Mya LaFreniere	Nolan LaVarnway
Alyssa Mendini	Jaedyn Pratt
Dominic Schinderle	Josie Scott

TODAY OUR GRADUATES will receive the quilts that were specially made for each one by our afternoon quilters. They are displayed at the front of the church. Following the service they are invited to take them home and enjoy. We thank the quilters for this special ministry for our youth as they reach this big milestone in their lives.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is next week. It is traditional, on this day to decorate our church in red, and to **wear red**, as a symbol of the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit.

OUR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Care Kit items for May are bath size bars of soap, any brand in original wrapping. Please drop off in the church office.

A CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE is needed! Our Saviour's will be celebrating our centennial - 100 years - in the year 2023. It may sound futuristic but is only two years from now! Please give some thought to serving and let us know in the office if you are interested or attend the first organizational meeting, which will be held this Thursday May 20th at 4pm.

UP REGIONAL BLOOD DRIVE is this Monday, May 24th, from 2:30 – 6pm here at Our Saviour's. All donations stay in the UP. Walk-ins Welcome, for appointment call 906-449-1450. Please bring photo ID and wear a mask.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION will take place next Sunday May 23rd at 11:00am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Kathy Kelm, Lois Martonen, Geno Schinderle, Doug Karttunen, RoseAnne Aman

Family Members: Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Pam, Ken, Leah Carlson & Lillea

Healthy Pregnancy & Delivery:

Friends of Members: Pete Weber, Bonnie Ketola, Raymond & Caroline Modrzynski, Rose Propson, Michelle Bruno, Marcia Juneau, Eric Frantz, Rosemary & Al DeJuliannie, Bonnie & Ken LeGrave, Joyce Elkjer, Peter Warmanen

Kijitonyama Lutheran Church, sister congregation, Tanzania

All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas:
Andrew & Nicole Perla, Kaleigh Farrell, Emily Bradley, Neil Bradley, Claire Oberthaler, Iris, Nicholas Schroeder, Chris Carlson

*To add a name, please call the church office. Names stay on the list for one month unless requested.
To add someone to our prayer list, please be sure that you have asked their permission.*