

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

May 2nd, 2021

5:00pm, 9:00am & 11:00am





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.

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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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May 2, 2021
Fifth 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 – “Hymn of Promise”**

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

***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] O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00am & 11:00am - Special Music

Tom Nelson

“Walk With Me” (J. Schrader)

God's Word Guides

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.

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

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

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading - 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 the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation on the Word

Message - Pastor Paul Strom

Offertory Hymn – ELW #377 “Alleluia, Jesus is Risen”

(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.)

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

REFRAIN:

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise;
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. REFRAIN**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. REFRAIN**

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent;
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing; “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. REFRAIN**

***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**

[P] Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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.**

11:00am – First Communion

(Those taking first communion will come to the front of the church at this time.)

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.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn – ELW #389 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

***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 – Gretchen Strom
Music – Tom Nelson

	<u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm	<u>Sunday</u> 9:00am	<u>Sunday</u> 11:00am
In Charge	Larry Swartout	Jaeme Kaski	Bruce Buckman
Lector	RoseAnne Aman	Joy Nasi	Steve Faust
Ushers	Jason & Eileen Anderson		

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday	9:00am Communion Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ BASIC 11:00 First Communion Worship
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
Thursday	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4s 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study
Friday	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5s
Saturday	5:00 Evening Communion Worship
Sunday	9:00am Communion Worship

THIS WEEK'S LIVE STREAM is given to the glory of God and in honor of all those that are sharing in their First Communion today by Katie & Nick Jungles.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR FIFTH GRADERS as they receive their First Communion during our 11:00am service. We would like to thank the Karen Baij & Jan Buckman who helped prepare them the past several weeks for this special moment in their faith journey. Those receiving First Communion are:

Hayden Grunlund
Chace Jungles
Kristina Kreh
Ehlana Nieschulz
Caylee Shogren

Kelsie Haelterman
Bryce Johnson
Jayda Marchetti
Kaitlyn Peterson
Emily Strickler

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. The first organizational meeting will be held May 20th at 4pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BACCALUAREATE SUNDAY will be Sunday May 16th at the 9:00am worship service.

CONFIRMATION will be Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00am. This is when our eighth graders will affirm their baptismal vows. This service will be streamed on YouTube, so extended family and friends may share in their Confirmation.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/BASIC on May 9th, 2021 because of Mother's Day and our last day for this year will be Sunday, May 23rd, 2021.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Family Members: Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Pam, Ken, William Smeester

Healthy Pregnancy & Delivery:

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

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 Bradly, Neil Bradly, 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.*