

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th , 2024
9:00am**

A photograph of wooden letters spelling out 'LOVE GOD' arranged on a light-colored, textured stone surface. The letters are dark brown and have a three-dimensional, blocky appearance. The word 'LOVE' is on the left, and 'GOD' is on the right, with the 'L' of 'LOVE' and the 'G' of 'GOD' being the tallest letters. The background is a natural stone surface with various shades of beige and brown.

LOVE
GOD

*"Love one another
as I have loved
you"*



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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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*

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 #742 “Come, We That Love the Lord”** (*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.



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



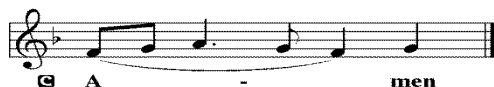
[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



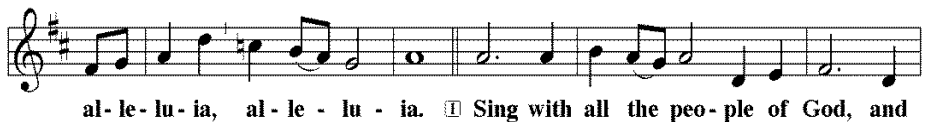
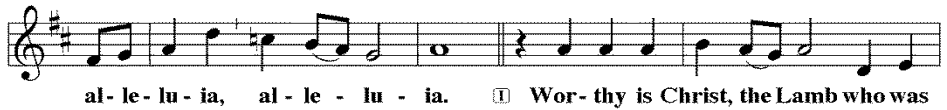
[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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



*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.

② And al - so with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

[P] Lord Christ,

[C] our vine, keep us in you now and forever, supply us with life and teach us to bear fruit for one another, as you love us, and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Special Music - "Hymn of Promise"
Natalie Sleeth

(Tom Nelson)

God's Word Guides Us

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

[L] The Word of the Lord

[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

[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.

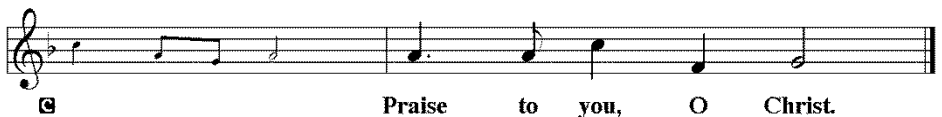


*Gospel: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

[P] The Gospel of Our Lord.



Meditation on the Word

Message

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hopman

Hymn of the Day – LBW #297 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”
(green hymnal)

*Prayers of the Church

[P] Lord, in your mercy,

[C] Hear our prayer.

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.**

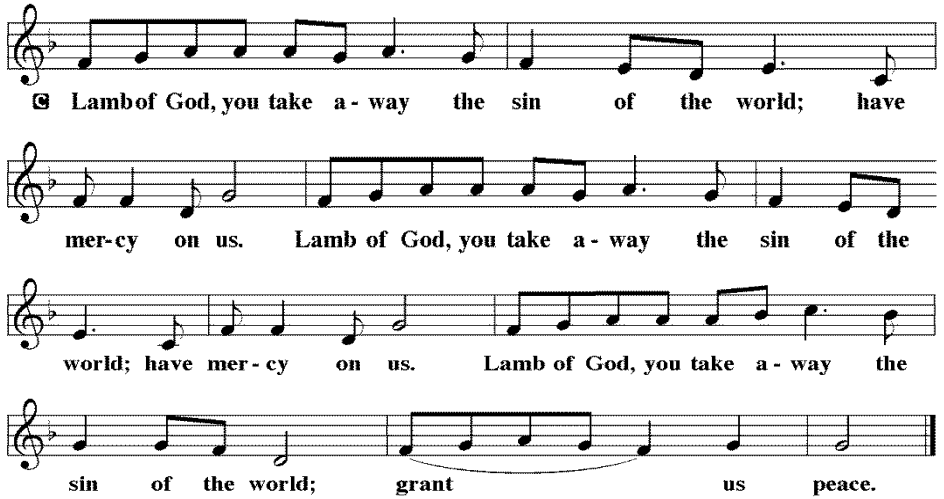
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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

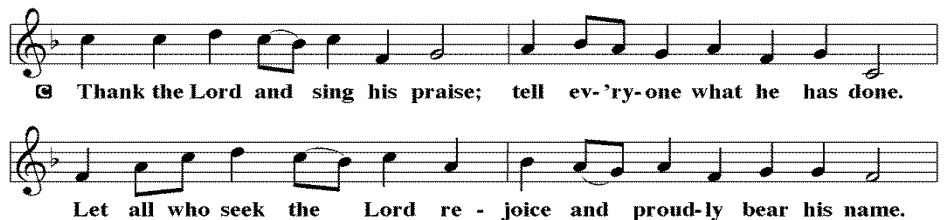
(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)

Communion Hymns

LBW #518 “Beautiful Saviour”
(Green Hymnal)

LBW #359 “In Christ There Is No East or West”
(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 #363 “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** (*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	Linda Westman
Music	Tom Nelson
In Charge	Michelle Carlson
Lector	Jim Meier
Ushers	Kristopher Kreh Alexandra Kreh

Ushers Marge Sparapani
Ted Sparapani

Acolytes Kristina Kreh
Nicole Kreh

This Week at Our Saviour's

Sunday, May 5 th	9:00 Communion Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Youth Group 3:00 Lake Owner's Meeting 6:30 Confirmation Practice
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8:45 Sewing Bee 1:00 Quilters of Grace
Thursday	10:00 Bible Study
Friday	
Saturday	5:00 Communion Worship
Sunday, May 12 th	Confirmation Sunday Mother's Day 9:00 Communion Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Youth Group

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Nick is on Thursday mornings 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!

GOLDEN K CLUB – The Golden K Club of Dickinson County is seeking new members. GK is a service club of senior volunteers, whose main focus is special needs youth of our tri-county area and enjoyable senior fellowship. Meetings are held every Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford from 10:00 – 11:00 am. There is a program each week with a guest speaker or entertainment. GK welcomes anyone to join them to see what they're about. Questions may be referred to Kirk Olson at (815) 600-3458 or Kirk.olson@charter.net.

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. Confirmation practice will be Sunday, May 5th at 6:30!

Music Ministry Assessment

Please take a moment and let us know your musical experience and interests. Visit our website to fill out the form, place this sheet in the offering plate, or return to the church office. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone _____

I am an Adult Student Grade _____

1. Have you ever played a musical instrument? Yes No
2. If so, what? _____
3. Do you still play it occasionally? Yes No
4. Would you like to be involved in our music ministry or play for church prelude, offerings or special activities or event? Yes No
5. Do you like to sing? Yes No
6. Have you ever sung in a group/choir? (School, church, performing group, etc.) Yes No
7. Have you ever sung as a soloist? Yes No
8. Do you still perform occasionally? Yes No
9. Would you like to sing in one of our choirs? Yes No
Which one? _____
10. Would you be interested in participating in a singing group at the church other than the choir? (For special events, holidays, etc.)
 Yes No
11. Do you have computer skills that you could put to use in a music/worship program (such as sound recording, mixing, editing, creating power point presentations, etc.)? Yes No
Describe _____
12. Are you interested in being a part of a Children's Choir?
 Singing Directing Accompanying
13. List 3 or 4 of your favorite hymns or sacred music on reverse side.

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

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, Paul Guth

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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.

