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## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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+ Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 21, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude**            *"Be Thou My Vision"*    arr. by Lloyd Larson            Nadine Berg

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Temple Talk**

Scott Jackson

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given 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.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

"All Are Welcome"

#641 (ELW)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly live,  
a place where saints and children tell how Hearts learn to for-give.  
Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:  
All are welcome, All are wel-come all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and True,  
where all God's child-ren dare to seek to dream God's reign a new.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as sym-bol of God's grace; here as one we  
claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are wel-come, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on ho-ly ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Je-sus, in re-vealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are wel-come, All are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the wood and Stone  
to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the out-cast and the strang-er bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an End to fear and dan-ger:  
All are wel-come, All are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi-sions heard  
and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as words with-in the word.  
Built of tears and cries and Laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this  
house pro-Claim from floor to raf-ter:  
All are wel-come, All are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**

p. 147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast*

p. 149 (ELW)

**Refrain**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

**Refrain**

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**Final refrain**

*This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Reading

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

A reading from 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

**Anthem (Temple Choir)**      *"O God, I offer Thanks to Thee"*      Beethoven/Lee

*O God, I offer thanks to Thee as dawnlight fills the sky.  
For strength renewed I lift my heart and praise Thy name on high.  
Oh, Lord, my God, my rock so strong, to Thee my life and love belong,  
Forever true, Lord, keep me, Thy blessing I implore Thee.*

**Children's Message**

Pastor Kevin Olson

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## **\*Gospel**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

The holy gospel according to John **John 17:1-11**

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Mutual Ministry*

Pastor Kevin Olson

**\*Hymn of the Day**

"Lord You Give The Great Commission"

#579 (ELW)

1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
Preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion,  
And the gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness  
To your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:  
With the Spir-it's gift em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
Tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,  
Life a-bun-dant meant for each, give us all new  
Fer-vor, draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:  
With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try

3. Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This my bod-y,  
This my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry,  
Dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the  
World a-round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty:  
With the Spir-it's gift em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they  
Do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure  
All that you so free-ly give. May your care and  
Mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:  
With the Spir-it's gift em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

5. Lord, you bless with words as-suring: "I am with you  
To the end." Faith and hope love re-stor-ing,  
May we serve as you ion-tend and, a-mid the  
Cares that claim us, hold in mind e-terni-ty:  
With the Spir-it's gift em-pow'r us for the work of min-is-try.

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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

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

### **\*Recognition of Seniors**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**





## Lamb of God

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Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **Communion**

*All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.*



### **\*Communion Hymns**

#### Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#697 (ELW)

*Refrain: Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;  
Dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

1. *I am weak but thou art strong: Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **Refrain***

2. *Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **Refrain***

3. *When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore. **Refrain***

#### Beautiful Savior

#838 (ELW)

1. Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, King of cre-a-tion,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Tru-ly I'd love thee, tru-ly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the wood-lands,  
Robed in the flow'rs of bloom-ing spring;  
Je-sus fair-er, Je-sus is pur-er  
He makes our sor-rowing spir-it sing.

3. Fair is the sun-shine, fair is the moon-light,  
Bright the spar-king stars on high;  
Je-sus shines bright-er, Jesus shines pur-er  
Than all the an-gels in the sky.

4. Beau-ti-ful Savior, Lord of the nat-ions,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glo-ry and hon-or, praise, ad-o-ra-tion,  
Now and for-ev-er more be thine!

1. What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a priv-i-ledge to car-ry ev-`ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear-  
All be-cause we do not car-ry ev-`ry-thing to God in prayer!

2. Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?  
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Je-sus knows our ev-`ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heav-y-lad-en, cum-bered with a load of care?  
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

**\*Prayer after Communion**

O God, **we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Commissioning for Sabbatical**

L: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God Surveyed all that God had made and said, "It was good."

**C: Pastor Kevin, we work together in ministry here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "it is good."**

L: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing, and in the world.

**C: We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.**

P: I, too look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath and rest in my ministry.

**C: Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**      *What a Fellowship*      #774 (ELW)

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

**Refrain:** Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;  
Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

**Refrain:** Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;  
Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

**Refrain:** Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;  
Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *"Forward Through the Ages"*      Sullivan/leatherman      Nadine Berg

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson  
Acolyte: Ryan Norenberg & Naomi Ronning  
Lector: Jeanne Speece  
Cantor: Paula Jackson  
Choir Director: Roy Berg  
Organist: Nadine Berg  
Ushers: Keith & Cindy Eggert, Arden Labonte  
Tellers: Kathy Anderson, Dick Hemmersbaugh  
Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law  
Altar Guild: Mary Ann Rasch & Kara Ronning

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

A very Happy Birthday to Carol Boben

### **RADIO BROADCAST**

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Al & Jennifer Lipke in loving memory of their son, Hans Lipke. God Bless you!



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\*\*The Gather Magazine Womens Bible study will meet on the third Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.\*\*

**We would like to Congratulate all  
of our graduating High School  
Seniors Class of 2023: Thomas  
Hagen, Kiley Hill, Katherine  
Reckmeyer, Claire Rewertz, Gianna Rossini and  
Alora Valento**



## **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

### **Today, 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 Worship &  
Communion  
10:15 Senior  
Recognition/Fellowship  
10:30 Radio Broadcast  
1240 AM WMFG  
10:00 OSLCW

### **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 Quilting

### **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

1:00 Staff meeting  
4:00 Property Meeting  
6:30 Council Meeting  
6:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805

### **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805  
8:30 Bible Study

