

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## **Welcome Visitors!**

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. The word "communion" means "union with" and it is an appropriate name since in the Lord's Supper we celebrate the union which exists between:

- 1) Ourselves and Jesus Christ,
- 2) Each other through our unity of faith,
- 3) The bread and the body of Christ, and
- 4) The wine and the blood of Christ.

To receive this Sacrament in a worthy manner, it is necessary that a person believe:

- 1) That he is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness,
- 2) That forgiveness is given to us through the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and
- 3) That the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Sacrament.

If you truly believe this but have never received the Sacrament at this church, please speak to the pastor before coming to the altar.

Also, to help ensure that you commune in what Scripture calls a "worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27), meaning in a manner consistent with Jesus' institution, and not to your harm, please prayerfully read through the "Christian Questions and Answers" for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, found on pages 329-330 in "Lutheran Service Book". This is the basis of our preparation of youth to receive the Lord's Supper, and it is always a most appropriate way for us to renew our knowledge of the Sacrament and to rekindle the devotion and piety of repentance and faith as we come to the Lord's Table.

White grape juice is available in the rose-colored cups, located in the center of each tray, for those who do not wish to consume alcohol.

## **The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure**

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46-47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19-20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).

# ✠ Third Sunday of Easter ✠

## ✠ Divine Service, Setting Three ✠

### Opening Hymn

### “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence - forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Please stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
 at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
 and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
 and you have healed me.  
 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
 you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
 and give thanks to his holy name.  
 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
 In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
 at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus,

whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:36–49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{†}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### Hymn of the Day

### “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

LSB 458



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death

es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,

And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture

joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,

Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

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- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”  
LSB 464

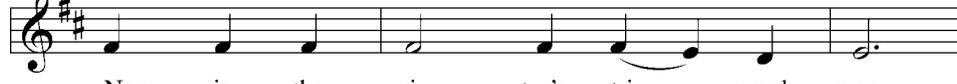
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
 The bars from heav’n’s high por - tals fell.  
 From death’s dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Please stand*

**Offering**

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life. During this time the offering basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary. Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.*

**Welcome New Members**

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. . .
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\text{I}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\cdot\text{I}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

**Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first  
and then distribute them to those who come to receive,*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

LSB 468



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my  
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant  
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,  
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death  
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought  
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun  
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



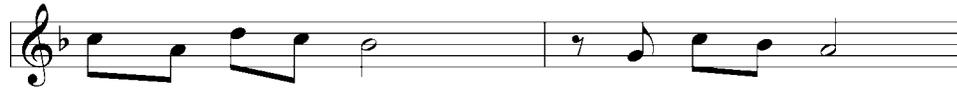
could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall  
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -  
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -  
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!  
 re - jice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



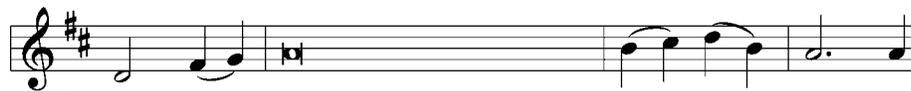
lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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*Please stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199



**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -**



**cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**



**which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,**

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

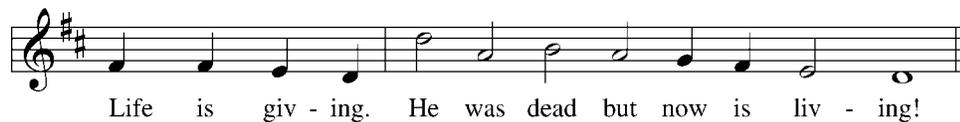
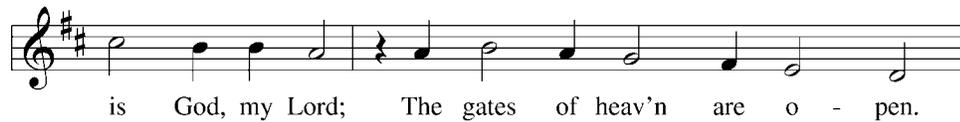
LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.



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**Serving Today**

**April 18, 2021**

Pastor Doug Minton  
Head Usher: Justin Schroeder  
Elder: Bob Storm  
Organist: Theta Lee  
Sound Board: Kendra Morts  
Radio Monitors: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm  
Acolyte: Ryleigh Rieches  
Greeters: Rich and Charlene Rieches  
Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

**Serving Next Sunday**

**April 25, 2021**

Pastor Doug Minton  
Head Usher: Justin Schroeder  
Elder: Doug Morgeson  
Organist: Theta Lee  
Sound Board: Patrick Teig  
Radio Monitors: Linda Buhrmester and Deb Wright  
Acolyte: Jossalin Lavicka  
Greeters: Dennis and Sheila Selk  
Altar Guild: Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

**This Week at a Glance**

**Today:** 9:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion (masks optional)  
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Voters' Meeting  
10:30 am Sunday School

**Monday:** 1:00 pm Comforters

**Tuesday:** 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Class at Olivia's Home

**Wednesday:** 4:30-6 pm Confirmation

**Friday:** **Pastor's Family Day**

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 am Worship Service (masks optional)  
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

# Announcements

April 18, 2021

## **Welcome New Members!!**

Today, Our Savior has the privilege of officially welcoming three new families into the OSLC family. They are Pastor, Renee, Gabriel & Anna Minton, Philip & Cindy Raddatz, Donald & Mary Ann Anderson and Darren, Jamie & Cecelia Bakken. Please welcome these new members and help them to truly feel a part of our family.

## **Voters' Meeting Today**

Our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting will be held immediately following our worship service. Please be present to help chart the course of this congregation as we seek to bring glory to God in all that we do. Remember, all communicant members, age 18 and above, are eligible to vote.

## **Majoring in the Minors**

Pastor's video Bible study on the Minor Prophets, available on the OSLC and Wrestling with Theology Facebook pages. This week will focus on Hosea 5, where Hosea focuses on what happens when the Lion of the Tribe of Judah roars against His rebellious people.

## **Wrestling with Theology**

Wrestling with Theology will continue Digging Deeper into the Psalms this week, looking at Psalms 9-10. In the Greek and Latin translations of the book of Psalms, these psalms are put together because they form an acrostic that moves through the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The podcast is available on all podcast platforms.

## **PreKindergarten / Kindergarten / High School / College Students and Parents**

As the end of the school year approaches and graduation plans are being made, please share with the church office your graduates' date of graduation and their further plans. If you have any questions, please see Kendra

## **High School Youth Group!**

High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, May, 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 pm at the church. Please let Melissa know you will be attending and see you there!

## **Prairieview Lutheran Homes 32nd Annual Golf Outing**

Prairieview will hold their 32nd Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Shewami Country Club. Register by June 1st at 815-269-2970. Entry fee is \$75, includes green fee, cart, dinner and range balls. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Jim Knake for additional information. Register early!!

## **Mystery Island VBS - Mark Your Calendars!!**

Make Plans to join us! Mystery Island VBS is coming to OSLC! Vacation Bible School 2021 will be held July 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Any questions please see Melissa Storm.

## **Here I Stand Sunday**

Today marks the 500th anniversary of the ending of the imperial Diet of Worms. This meeting was called by Emperor Charles V and Pope Leo X to give Martin Luther the chance to recant his heretical writings.

## **Luther's Answer at the Diet of Worms:**

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop's palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ?

"Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?" If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong, all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic.

This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:

**“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen”** (LW 32:112–13).

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ’s work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

**500 Years Later:** Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

### **Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines**

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to [kendra@oursaviormilford.com](mailto:kendra@oursaviormilford.com).

### **Lutherans for Life Quote**

“Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God’s work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

# **Prayer List**

*April 18 – April 24*

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Henry Lange	Today
David Kellerhals	Monday
Delmer Henrichs	Tuesday
Jessica Lange	Thursday
Justin Lavicka	Saturday
Cory Rieches	Saturday

### **Those who mourn:**

Family and friends of Sandy McCalla, friends of many within the community

### **All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic**

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines  
Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey  
Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens  
Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals  
Linda Buhrmester – OSLC member

Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community  
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith  
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes  
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm  
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms  
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson  
Jan Hoult – niece of Larry and Nancy Tobeck  
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles  
Jan Hoult – niece of Larry and Nancy Tobeck  
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner  
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner  
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens  
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro  
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith  
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach  
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleeef  
Erin Strinni – sister-in-law of Shannan Neukomm  
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith  
Fred Wright – brother of Marvin Wright

**Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:**

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns  
Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns  
Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns  
Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns  
Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles  
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns  
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns  
Joe Curtis – brother of Ethel Lucht, heart concerns  
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues  
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns  
Bernan Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns  
Judy Goldenstein – mother of Jon Goldenstein  
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns  
Alan High – friend of Becky Hiles, awaiting tests results  
Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues  
Darlene Larimore – grandmother of Sara Seyfert, recovering from hospitalization  
Dave Lucht – OSLC member  
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall  
Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery  
Bertha Parsons – OSLC member  
Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues  
Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition  
Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues  
Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's  
Randall Schleeef – OSLC member  
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident  
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns  
Gert Wade – OSLC member, waiting on test result  
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout  
Joyce Williams – OSLC member, recovering from surgery  
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant  
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,  
especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

Nick Allen – brother of Sara Seyfert, serving with the U.S. Army

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, deployed overseas, serving with the U.S. Army

Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army

Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy

Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's  
Deputy and Milford Police Department

Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, deployed overseas, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer

Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

**Those serving in the Seminary:**

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei,  
our “adopted” international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

