

Fifth Weekend of Easter

Sunday, April 29, 2018—9 am



*Our Savior's Lutheran Church
614 Logan Avenue
Jackson, MN 56143
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE-*Time for reflection*

Please sign & pass the welcome pad

GATHERING MUSIC

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak;

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel;

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all.

Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;

Rising again, I bless your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up;

When I am dry you fill my cup,

You are my all in all.

Refrain

The Summons

(Will You Come and Follow Me)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear in side and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where our love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

K.I.C.K. SINGING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God, we **confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of +Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

OPENING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name
Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
When I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name
Every blessing you pour out I'll
Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name
Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name
Every blessing you pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

BIBLE READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An 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.

PSALM 22:24-30

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your heart live forever!”**

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷**For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.**

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD’s forever.**

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

BIBLE READING: 1 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.

The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (*spoken*)

[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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ. (*spoken*)

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He's my Savior he's my Savior, he's my Savior, he's my Savior,
He's my Savior, he's my Savior, he's my Savior, Alleluia!

3. He is worthy . . .
4. I will praise him . . .
5. I will serve him . . .

MESSAGE - Pr. Lance

SONG

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

*“Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.”*

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God – the Creator of all things – the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin – that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work in side of us. We believe in the church of God – His people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

For ministries that nurture faith formation. For missionaries and Bible study leaders. For those who are seeking, questioning, or curious. For seminarians, campus ministers, and the newly baptized, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the beauty and health of the earth. For vineyards and orchards, groves and plains. For rain forests and arctic tundra. For volcanoes and mountains, hills and valleys. For oceans deep and rivers wide, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For spears to be beat into pruning hooks. For harsh words to be reformed into loving speech. For bombs and sniper attacks to cease. For justice and peace in every land, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For homeless youth and rejected children. For isolated grandparents and lonely nursing home residents. For the shamed, the slighted, and the disregarded members of our communities. For all the sick: D.E. Jones, Dean Anderson, Loretta Anderson, Jim Konda, Anne Bowman, Pastor Cynthia Hopp, Scott Olson, Merrilyn Anderson, Sheryl Skare, Jaimi Michelson, Carol Scott, Becky Adams, Jamison Nestegard, Sylvia VonOhlen, Alice Michelson, Mary Lou Heuer, Karen Grunst, Steven Hansen, Richard Muir, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Missionaries: Paul & Laura Lere

Members & Friends: Marilyn Matejka, David Metli, Verna Miller, Duane & David Mix, Clarine Michelson, John & Valerie Mattsen, Alex & Aric Fullerton.

For all who live with post-traumatic stress disorder and postpartum depression. For all who struggle with eating disorders and anorexia. For all who suffer in silence and all who suffer alone, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the holy one;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. **2X**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, 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 BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

*We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart!
Show your . . . mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness. . will be. . . no more.

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers . . . united in love.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands.

And all of the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands.
While you go out with joy.

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will breath forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN. 4-29: 9:00 am Worship (Broadcast on KKOJ 1190AM), Celebration of Pastor Lance's time at Our Savior's

MON. 4-30:

TUES. 5-1: 8:00 am Sm. Group, 9:00 am Staff Mtg

WED. 5-2: 6:30 am Men's Study–Parlor, 2:45 pm Confirmation (7th), 6:15 pm Hand Bells, 7:00 pm PRAISE! Choir, 7:30 pm NINJA, 8:00 pm Praise Band

THURS. 5-3:

FRI. 5-4: 2:30 p.m. Pines Study Group, 4 p.m. Rummage Sale

SAT. 5-5: 8 a.m. Rummage Sale, 5 p.m. Holy Communion Worship

SUN. 5-6: 9:00 am Holy Communion Worship-(broadcast on KKOJ 1190 AM), 10:10 am Adult Sunday school

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK

D.E. Jones, Dean Anderson, Loretta Anderson,
Jim Konda, Anne Bowman,
Pastor Cynthia Hopp,
Scott Olson, Merrilyn Anderson,
Sheryl Skare, Jaimi Michelson,
Carol Scott, Becky Adams, Jamison Nestegard,
Sylvia VonOhlen, Alice Michelson, Mary Lou Heuer,
Karen Grunst, Steven Hansen, Richard Muir

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A wheelchair is available– Just ask an usher to help you

Thank You– A sincere Thank You to Dee Nestegard and her crew for the delicious barbecue, buns and chips they brought us to feed the movers. Your thoughtfulness was really appreciated. Judy & Eric Goede Dave & Eileen Cushman

Please join us after worship on Sunday, April 29th for a time of celebration of Pastor Lance's time with us here at Our Savior's. We will be serving cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Jackson United Methodist Church** is having their annual **Salad Luncheon** on **May 2nd** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The charge is \$7.00. Take-outs available.

The **Adult Ministry Team** would like to announce that staff from Osterberg Funeral Home will be joining us in the Fellowship Hall after services on May 6th (about 10:15) to talk about the topic of death, funerals and planning. There will be time for questions and answers. Death is a topic that is difficult to talk about but is a part of our Christian walk and we hope that you will join us in this discussion.

Food Shelf In time for Mother's Day the Tuesday morning Bible Study will be doing a builders fundraising for the Jackson County Food Shelf, In. We are selling 10 inch hanging baskets of flowers or Boston Fern for \$30.00 Orders need to be placed by May 6th with pick up on May 9th. For orders or questions call Arlene Vee 507-841-2022 or Dee Nestegard 507-841-1246.

Rummage Sale Fri. May 4th from 4-8 p.m. and Sat. May 5th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jackson, MN All items free will donation unless marked. Proceeds go to the Houston Youth Trip June 2018.

We are doing a **Thirty One Gifts Fundraiser** for the Our Savior's and Salem Lutheran (Jackson, MN) youth and their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this summer! There are 17 youth and 4 adults that are excited and eager to encounter Christ with thousands of other youth from across the country. While in Houston, we will participate in worship and speaking events, community building and service learning. Our Savior's Office Manager, Kari, will be our consultant for this fundraiser. We will earn 20% of the total sales to help with the expenses of our trip. There are a few catalogs on the table in the concourse. If you would like to order please contact Kari in the office.

Pulled Pork Meal and Silent Auction Fundraiser Saturday, May 12th from 6-7:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran. Tickets: \$8/Person or \$9 at the Door. Call 847-2856 for tickets.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>5 pm</u>	<u>9 am</u>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Ashlyn Bohl	Emily Beckel & Sawyer Flatgard
<i>Lectors:</i>	Pam Tracey	Aaron Skare
<i>Ushers:</i>	Rick Johnson	Aaron Skare
<i>Radio:</i>		Horace Olson
<i>Greeter:</i>	Kathy Johnson	Dennis & Donna Hunwardsen

MISSION STATEMENT

We come to meet Jesus, and we want other people to meet Him too.

MINISTERS: All Members of the Congregation

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Lance Isaacson - 847-3238

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Cynthia Hopp – 507-382-6860

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR:

Alyssa Herrig - 507-380-7212

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PRAISE CHOIR DIRECTOR: *Lori Grote*

HAND BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: *Pam Tracey*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES: *Nate & Kelly Benson*

CARETAKER: *Mike Eddy*

PIANIST/ORGANIST: *Melynda Tracey*

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR: *Dave Metli*

PROJECTIONIST: *5-Sara Anderson ; 9-Jeff Johnson*

Current Fund Update through March 2018

Bank Balance 1-1-18	(\$4,354.38)
YTD Income	+\$82,169.10
YTD Expense	<u>-\$111,347.44</u>
Bank Balance 3-31-18	(\$33,532.72)

