

Fifth Weekend of Easter

Saturday, April 28, 2018—5 p.m.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE-*Time for reflection*

Please sign & pass the welcome pad

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. (*Silence for reflection.*)

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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**

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.

GATHERING HYMN-*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW 551)*

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2) All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

GREETING-*page 78 LBW*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... **C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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.

ALLELUIA VERSE – *page 83 LBW*

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

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE-PASTOR LANCE ISAACSON

HYMN OF THE DAY-*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art (LBW 524)*

1) My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!

2) How wonderful, how beautiful
the sight of thee must be--
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awesome purity!

3) No earthly father loves like thee;
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

4) Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

5) My God, how wonderful thou art,
thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
till faith in vision end.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

OFFERING & NOISY CAN

(Last weekend, April 21-22 Attendance 190– Offering \$6,755.60)

OFFERTORY - (LBW 86)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*page 97 LBW*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN-*If You But Trust in God to Guide You (LBW 453)*

1) If you but trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

2) What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

3) In patient trust await his leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er your Father's pleasure
and all-discerning love have sent;
doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.

4) Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in him indeed.

DISMISSAL

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

CHIMES & POSTLUDE

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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 847-2856.

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

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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)

