

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (EHV)

WORSHIP NOTES: We're glad that you're here this morning to share this time of worship with us to honor God as the Giver of all that is good. Love renewed. Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. One part of our natural world and experience that points to his complete love is the care given by our mothers. On Mother's Day, we celebrate her love for us. Yet we are reminded by Scripture to set our hearts at rest in the higher home where our spirits are lifted by a love that will never diminish or fade and will never fail us.

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, on Mother's Day I thank you that you sent your Son to be born of Mary to share in our humanity and conquer our enemies, sin and death. Thank you for all mothers who nurture their children in this world. Give Christian mothers everywhere the wisdom and love to put the needs and biblical training of the family into highest priority. Bless them, for Jesus' sake.

Membership: If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

Christian Education: Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Sunday School at 9:15 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Jon Hahm, for more information (262-377-7780).

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR'S WELCOME

WE SING

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day.
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man.
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

- P: We trust in our Father's love and protection, our Savior's perfect life and innocent death in our place, and the Spirit's power to create and sustain faith through the Gospel.
- C: **We have come to worship you, our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- P: In the face of danger, persecution or ridicule, we have the promise of God that he will not leave us or forsake us. He tells us,
- C: **"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."**
- P: What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns?
- C: **Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**
- P: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
- C: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

- P: The prophets of old told their people, "Seek the Lord and live!" John and Jesus proclaimed the nearness of God, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" So despite our sinful nature and wayward heart we return to God and ask for his forgiveness:
- C: **Almighty and merciful Father in heaven, we are daily tempted to deny you and your Word. Forgive us. We are weak. Our sinful nature, the devil and the world often get the best of us. We know that we need your guidance in everything we do. Please help us to bravely confess our faith in you and in your name no matter what trial or tribulation we face. We ask this in the name of Jesus.**
- P: God, our gracious and almighty Father, together with the loving Lamb and the caring Comforter has forgiven us all our sins. The Lord has removed all of our guilt through Christ's innocent suffering and death. John the Baptist pointed him out, "Look the Lamb of God!" Peter pronounced, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

C: So our forgiveness is secure now and into eternity, as John reminds us, “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

WE SING

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.
Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise.
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

(Musical interlude)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

You are the one that we praise.
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for. (repeat)

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

Jesus Christ, the “living Stone,” builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual temple, the Holy Christian Church. Here he has given us a new birth as his “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation” -- all so that we may declare his praises to the world.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that

you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-12

On Maundy Thursday evening Jesus was fully aware that he would die on the cross the very next day. Yet even though he would leave his disciples, he assured them that he would continue to keep them in his care. Knowing and trusting in the One who died and rose for them, in fact, his disciples have always had every spiritual blessing they needed.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

WE SING

“Your Name”

Morning dawns and evening fades you inspire songs of praise.
That rise from earth to touch your heart and glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name (repeat)

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We believe in God the Father almighty, 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, God the Son, true God and true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin, that we might be free. He rose again on the third day that we might enjoy life with God now and for eternity. He ascended into heaven and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; He has made us members of the people of God through Word and Sacrament, and sustains and strengthens us in the one true Christian faith through those same means of grace. We believe that our sins have been forgiven and that we will live together with God and all believers now and throughout all eternity.

WE SING

“How Deep the Fathers Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us. How vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son. To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One. Bring many sons to glory.

CHOIR *Behold the Man upon the cross. My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.*

I will not boast in anything. No gifts, no pow’r no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ. His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward. I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart. His wounds have paid my ransom.

WE MEDITATE

1 John 4:1-11

“Living from an Overflow of His Love”

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Online or in the entry way. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

WE PRAY

WE PRAY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

C: On this Mother's Day, we pray: Heavenly Father, you are the source of life, wisdom, and all good things. Look with favor on all mothers who have given life to their children. May their children honor them and call them blessed. Remind each of us how special our mothers have been in our education and spiritual growth. Guide our new mothers by your Word that they may gently nurture your precious children on the path of true life. Let them be filled with your unconditional love always.

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 2:17)

WE CLOSE WITH SONG

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but it's own.
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave.
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high.
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n! One with the Father known.
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise. For Thou for us has died.
Be Thou O Lord through endless days adored and magnified.



SILENT PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intro: What made him so good in his role as a Christian counselor wasn't his degree or his avid reading but simply his deep relationship with God. Until... life and circumstances overwhelmed him and he no longer had the insight or desire to seek the truth. He needed John's letter.

Living from an Overflow of His Love

1. Love Comes with Jesus. (vs. 7-8)

- 1.1 We can love others when we tap into God's infinite storehouse of love.
- 1.2 But when we let other things take precedence our spiritual climate suffers.
- 1.3 Building equity with God is the smartest and most natural investment.

App: To know God and his love means we have to spend time with him. He must remain our top priority, because in the spiritual realm we can only give from what we have received.

2. Loving One Another Goes with Jesus. (v. 1-6, 11)

- 2.1 Love is an "active habit." (53 One Anothers)
- 2.2 Jesus modelled love on every level of human experience.
- 2.3 Think of all the people God has positioned into your life.

App: Pick your "people" and put a priority list together – but don't shut the door on those who drop by. Sometimes God enlarges our life by giving us a challenge we didn't envision.

3. Love is a Sacrifice for Someone Else's Benefit. (v. 9-10)

- 3.1 Here's the divine paradox: love imprints us with more love.
- 3.2 Love causes an overflow of thankful living.

App: Jesus loves me this I know – why rewrite the lyrics which have already stood the test of time?

Conclusion: We celebrate a day of genuine love and respect on Mother's Day. Let's agree not to brush it off or make light of it, because (as Paul says in 1 Peter 4:7-8) love covers over a multitude mistakes.

Important Worship Information!

- Beginning May 23rd Sunday worship returns to church.
- All pews will be available for open seating; masks are optional.
 - Chair set-up available in the narthex.
- Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month
(No change from current practice)
 - 10:30 am service livestreaming
 - Thursday worship in church at 7 pm
- Our Savior LES Graduation Service in Church May 27th at 7pm

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/9)	MOTHER'S DAY
	8:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 am Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
Wednesday	8:30 am Children's Chapel
	4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm Men's Softball Game
Thursday	7:00 pm Worship Service w/Communion
Saturday	7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday (5/16)	8:00 am Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 am Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship Service w/Communion

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Acts 7:54-60
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 7:11-27
Gospel	John 17:11b-19
Psalm	Psalm 124

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS IS LOVE
SERVICE THEME

PASTOR: Mark Wagner

MUSICIANS: Mark & Stephanie Boeckman, George & Deanna Edwards, Bob Klug, Alyssa and Jimmy Pautz

SONGS: As Printed

FIRST LESSON:
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GOSPEL:
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SERMON:
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