EASTER 5 APRIL 29 & MAY 2, 2021



OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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- **WORSHIP NOTES** "Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. "'From this day on I will bless you.'" Haggai 2:19
- **PRAYER OF THE DAY** O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, so that our friendships might last into eternity. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!



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



WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE OF OUR FORGIVENESS

- **P:** For humble hearts that acknowledge everything we have is a gift of Your grace and for true repentance that seeks your forgiveness, we pray to You, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy. We have sinned against you in arrogance and greed. We have failed to trust you to lead our life. We have not honored you as our gracious God. Christ, have mercy.
- **P:** For honesty to admit how we have been guilty of loving the things of this world and for wisdom to see the grief this has caused us and You,
- C: Hear our plea for mercy, O Lord. With shame we confess that we have too often embraced materialism and placed our confidence in what we have achieved. Christ, have mercy.
- **P:** In sorrow for our misplaced priorities and misdirected desires, we ask for mercy. In silence we pause to reflect on our sins.

(A time of silence)

P: Our gracious heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and made us members of His heavenly family because his Son Jesus has taken the blame and suffered the consequences for our wrongs. In his name and for his sake, I assure you that you are forgiven and righteous in God's eyes.

C: Through your Word and Sacrament, O Lord, we know peace. Give us a renewed will to follow you and to love one another in the joy of your salvation. Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 67 (Sung Responsively, p. 14)

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 JOHN 3:18-24

Here is more fruit whose source is in the vine: an awareness that Christ is alive in us by his Word and when our conscience wants to drive us to despair he is there to assure us of our forgiveness. That assurance is renewed week in and week out as we hear his Word. Then there comes bursting forth the fruit of love. That love is not mere sentiment; it is in the will, not the emotion. It is love that is determined to seek the best interests of those around us, even those who may hate us or not appreciate our eagerness to be of service. Some of the grapes have to be crushed in order to make wine.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen and exalted and he rules forevermore!
- P: Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans;
- C: I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)



The evidence of faith in Christ is a life of love. The "fruit" grows out of our connection with Christ. Our expressions of love to each other exhibit our relationship with (our love for) him.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

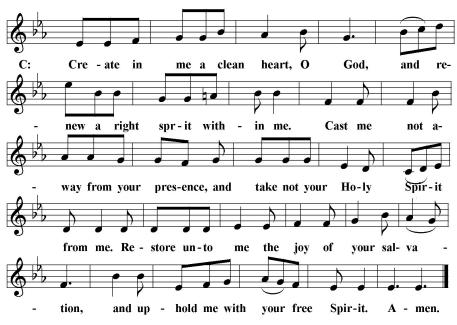
<i>CW,</i> #463:1-4

SERMON

PSALM 67

"Let's Join in this Song of Harvest"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



OFFERING

Online or in the entry to the gym. 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!

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

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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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



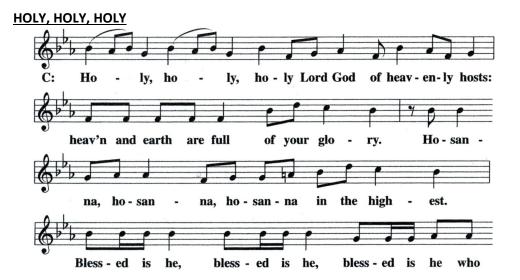
P: Lift up your hearts.

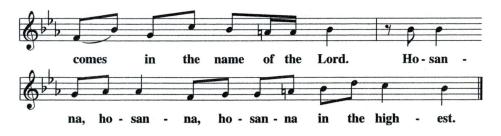


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting lasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

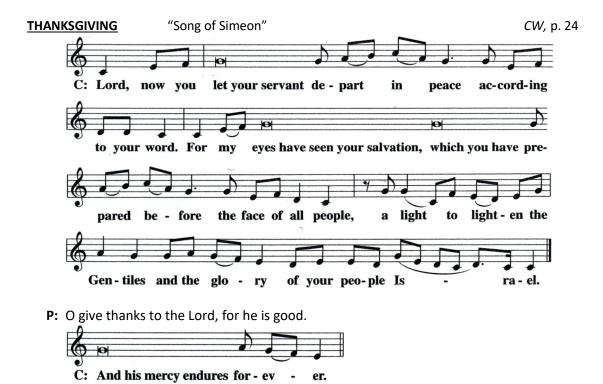




- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.







P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.





SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran 05-02-21 Easter 5 Sermon Outline Psalm 67

Intro: Here's a true missionary spirit from God himself, which encapsulates both the OT invite to see his hand in the history of Abraham, AND the NT call to "go out and share Jesus."

Let's Join in this Song of Harvest

1. They Sang the Song of Israel: Bless me! (vs. 1)

- 1.1 The OT concept of evangelism was an invitation, "Come, See!"
- 1.2 The desire for blessing is universally human.
- 1.3 Praising God is rightly putting him on display.

App: Whether the world we live in today will admit it or not, people want God's approval. Just like a child looking back to see if his / her parent is watching, people want to be "blessed."

2. They Sang the Song of Salvation: Bless others through me! (v. 2-5)

- 2.1 God's blessing to us is meant to be a highway not a dead end.
- 2.2 When we're secure in our rescue we want others with us.
- 2.3 May ALL the PEOPLES praise him!

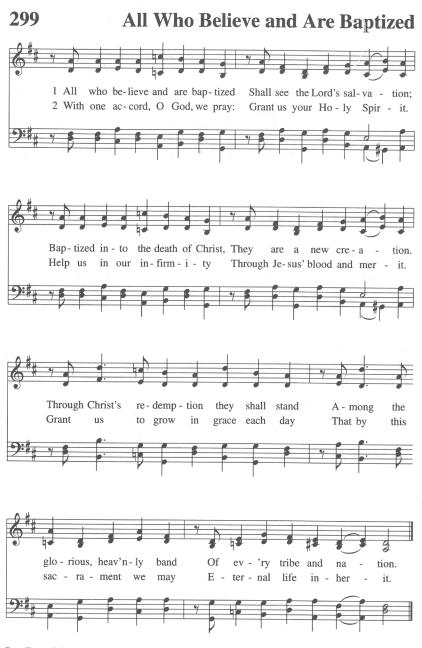
App: This is God's heart, not to "favor" Israel but to use his chosen people to invite others. In the NT times this calls for commitment, hard work and humility.

3. They Sang the Song of Harvest: God Bless You! (v. 6-7)

- 3.1 At harvest time there is great joy and celebration.
- 3.2 A harvest strategy should include all of us singing...

App: God will bless us! Don't you want to join the party?

Conclusion: We are part of the harvest and quickly become harvesters. We joyfully join in line as the celebration spills into the streets.



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, alt. ES IST DAS HEIL Tune: Ellich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524, alt. 87 87 887

Alternate setting: 390



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- 5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding That sinners may salvation see Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly. Refrain
- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

- Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r. To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain
- 11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed ----These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
- 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

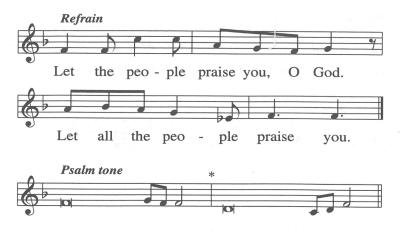


Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all!

Psalm 67



May God be gracious to us and bless us* and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,* your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,* for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,* and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,* and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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.

Refrain

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/2)	8:00	AM	Worship with Communion
	9:15	AM	Adult Study
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	10:30	AM	Worship with Communion
Wednesday	8:20	AM	Children's Church
	4:00	PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:00	PM	Bible Information Class
Thursday	7:00	PM	Worship Service
Sunday (5/9)	8:00	AM	Worship Service
	9:15	AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	AM	Worship Service

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1 st Lesson	Ez 37:1-14
2 nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel	John 14:25-27
Psalm	Psalm 51b

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

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE THEME: A BIBLICAL HARVEST STRATEGY

Pastor Mark Wagner

<u>Organist</u> Bob Klug & Jon Hahm

<u>Нүммs</u> 299, 463:1-4, 310, 463:5

FIRST LESSON Psalm 67

SECOND LESSON 1 JOHN 3:18-24

Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8

<u>Sermon</u> Psalm 67

> "LET'S JOIN IN THIS SONG OF HARVEST"

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are from John and Carol Lempke in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.