

Celebration of Life

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Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

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. 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 Eden at the dawn of time. God displayed this ancient hope by means of 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 will never diminish or fade and will never fail us. Let's celebrate LIFE with God in Christ!

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 care for their children into this world. Grant each of us the wisdom and love to put the needs and biblical training of the family into highest priority. For Jesus' sake bless us and our country as it serves our families.

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, Nate Schultz, for more information (262-377-7780).

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far (south) side of the entry area.

Parents' Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

Large Print: Bulletins are available, please ask an usher

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR'S WELCOME

WE SING "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" (p. 9)

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Choir will sing verses 1 and 2 and the refrain, congregation will join on verses 3, 4, refrain, 5, refrain.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord,

C: for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

M: Who can tell about the mighty deeds of the Lord?

C: Who can cause all his praise to be heard?

M: Blessed are those who defend justice,

C: who do what is right all the time.

M: Remember me, O Lord,

C: when you show favor to your people.

M: Visit me with your salvation,

C: so that I may experience the good that belongs to your chosen ones,

M: so that I may rejoice in the joy of your nation,

C: so that I may join in praise with the people that belongs to you.

M: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from eternity to eternity,

C: and all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

M: Dear friends, on this Life Celebration Sunday let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For sins of inaction and indifference, For failing to defend the innocent and fearing the reactions of the godless, For being more concerned with my own comfort and ease than with what is pleasing to you or good for my neighbor, For all the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you your errors and apathy, your failures and fears, your selfishness and lovelessness, your inaction and your evil acts. I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you rule the world with justice and give vindication to the innocent, but you also call your servants to work while it is still day. Help us today and always to celebrate the gift of life wherever and in whomever it is found, and to join ourselves readily to your great work of sustaining, defending, and championing the gift of life for all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:8-9

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (NIV84)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE based on 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

WE SING “In Christ Alone” (p.10) CW21, 510

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV84)

VERSE OF THE DAY / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Psalm 139:14

Alleluia. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Alleluia.

Stand

WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:39–45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she

exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” (NIV84)

Be seated

WE SING “Great Are You Lord”

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.

Great are You Lord

It’s Your breath in our lungs.

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It’s Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.

Great are You Lord

It’s Your breath in our lungs.

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It’s Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing.

Great are You Lord. *(Repeat)*

It’s Your breath in our lungs.

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It’s Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only. *(Repeat)*

WE MEDITATE **Genesis 3:20 “Honor the Giver by Honoring Life”**

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. (NIV84)

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & WELS CONNECTION

Members and guests alike are also asked to fill out the Friendship Register, pass the entire pad to the next person, and return it to the center aisle. Please include email and phone.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, you have called us to bring you not only our own needs and desires, but to make requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving for everyone.

We therefore pray for our nation's president, our state's governor, and all our elected county and local leaders, as well as all those who serve our citizens in Congress, legislature, and councils. Give them all a strong and renewed respect for all human life, wherever and however it is found, so that laws may be made and enforced that protect life and any laws that put human life at risk may be unmade and unenforced. Guide all our public servants to policies and practices that protect the vulnerable, assist the needy, and defend the innocent.

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

M: Grant wisdom also to those who serve as judges and justices in our courts. Lead them to decisions that are not guided by the opinions or mood of the day. Instead, move them to respect and uphold the rights of all people to live their lives without fear of falling victim to anyone else's views that find them inconvenient or of small value.

C: Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake.

M: Lead all your people in this nation, Lord, to recognize what a precious gift life is and therefore to stand with you in defense of life. Give them the courage and confidence to speak and to act precisely in those areas where life is most under attack, whether in the womb, the wheelchair, or the hospital bed.

C: Have mercy and help us, Lord.

M: As you have given to us what was most precious to you, your Son, so that we might have eternal life, inspire us to give of ourselves in service to our fellow man. Whether it is with time, conversation, money, or labor, move us to engage with and invest in our society, so that it prospers as we prosper. Especially let us be effective and productive as salt and light in our society, pointing sinners to their Savior and working to preserve respect for life and all that is morally good.

C: Have mercy and help us, Lord.

M: We confess that we have too often been lukewarm with our faith. We have failed to appreciate your gifts of life and health, of forgiveness and salvation, of mercy and love. We have chosen easy paths instead of carrying our crosses and following Jesus. We have remained silent when we should have spoken, and we have failed to listen to your Word when it speaks regarding matters of fertility and conception, abortion and euthanasia, and all the times and circumstances of life.

C: Forgive us, Lord, for Jesus' sake.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: On this day set aside to remember and honor our mothers, we also ask for your forgiveness for every way in which we have failed to love and respect them. Help us to let go of any resentment or disrespect we might have and instead remember that you have given us our mothers as your representatives and life-givers on this earth. Bless our mothers, old and young, near and far, birth and adoptive, with an outpouring of your love, and give them an extra measure of your Holy Spirit, that they might better live lives of worship, praise, devotion, and obedience as examples to their families and to our society. Bless them, Lord, today and always.

C: We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE CLOSE WITH SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine.
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Oh what a Savior, wonderful Jesus.
Oh what a Savior, wonderful Jesus.
Oh what a Savior, wonderful Jesus.
Oh what a Savior, wonderful Jesus.
Death could not hold You, You are victorious
Praise to the risen King. *(Repeat)*

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! A word of gratitude to our preacher and presider today, Pastor Jeff Samelson. He comes to us today in his role as one of the pastor administrators from Christian Life Resources (CLR). Jeff and his wife Charlene are members here at Our Savior in Grafton.

Further information can be found on the insert which explains CLR as well as at their very “resourceful” website at <https://christianliferesources.com>.

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1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 2
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 4



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5

4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
 they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
 and pouring out their lives they gained
 life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave
 now works in us to pow'r'ly save.
 He frees our hearts to live his grace;
 go, tell of his goodness. (Refrain)

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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TEACHING MINISTRY

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Sunday | **22** | **May**
9:15 am | **2022**

Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 am
with refreshments in between at 9:15am.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/8)		MOTHER'S DAY
	8:00	am Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15	am Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am Sunday School
	10:30	am Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	5:30	pm Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	am Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30	am Children's Chapel
Thursday	7:00	pm Worship Service w/Communion
Sunday (5/15)	8:00	am Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15	am Adult & Teen 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 our 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

**Celebration of Life
Service Theme**

PASTOR: JEFF SAMELSON

MUSICIANS

Sarah Baumann
George & Deanna Edwards
Andrea Havlik
Mark Mandler
Alyssa & Jimmy Pautz
Adam Wagie

SONGS: As Printed

FIRST LESSON:

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

GOSPEL:

Luke 1:39-45

SERMON:

Genesis 3:20

**HONOR THE GIVER BY
HONORING LIFE**

