# Sixth Sunday of Easter May 11 & 14, 2023



### **Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church**

*(Wisconsin Synod)* 1332 Arrowhead Rd. Grafton, Wisconsin 53024 Church: 262-377-6363 School: 262-377-7780 **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 carried their children into this world. Give Christian mothers everywhere the wisdom and love to put the needs and biblical training of the family into highest priority. Give Christian fathers a love for their wives and support for their roles as Christian wives. Bless all of them, for Jesus' sake.

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.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### PASTOR'S WELCOME



#### 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.

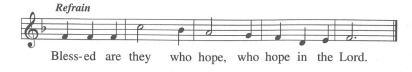
#### WE CONFESS OUR SINS

- 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

Psalm 1





Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\* or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\* and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season\* and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

#### Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\* nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\* but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed:

her husband also, and he praises her:

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD FROM THE SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 1:3-7

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline

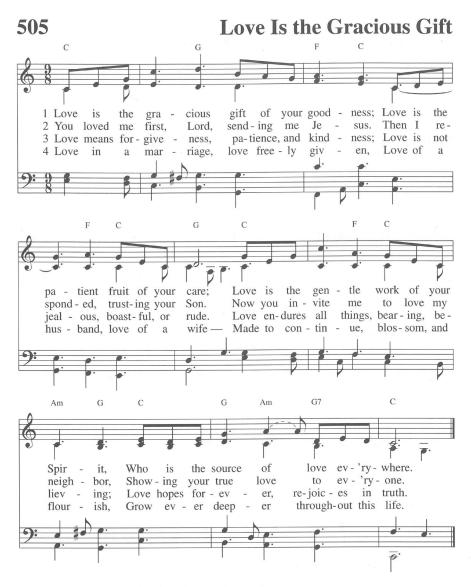
#### WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

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



5 Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly, Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed, Love and submission one to another As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.

#### WE MEDITATE

#### 1 Peter 3:1-7

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

#### SERMON THEME: GOD'S MOTHERS' DAY MESSAGE FOR BOTH GENDERS

1. Be a godly woman

2. Be a godly man

#### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

While the offerings are being collected, members and guests to please sign the red "Friendship Register" which can be found at the end of the pew. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

#### 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. Bless families with Christian fathers who love their children's mothers and support them in all their work as Christian mothers.

#### 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

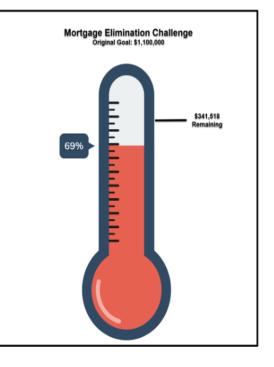


5 Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say: Though all the world forsake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

# **Church Financial Snapshot**

| April 2023  | What We Received <sup>1</sup>                                  | What We Need <sup>2</sup> | What We Strive For <sup>3</sup> |
|---|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Offerings & Donations   | 53,871   | 66,485                    | 78,235                          |
| Mortgage Reduction Fund   | 3,249  | 3,600                     | 9,400                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Receipts for the prior month<br><sup>2</sup> Budgeted offerings needed to sup<br>Minimum mortgage gifts needed<br><sup>3</sup> Offerings needed to support a sec<br>Mortgage fund gifts needed to re | to cover principal payments<br>cond pastor and 3-4 grade teach | er;                       |                                 |







May 13, 2023

## Gods' Blessings to this year's Confirmation Class

Kennedy Christine Altendorf Kennidi AnnMarie Clements Presley Christina Kethe Isabella Dorothy Rehberg Benjamin Kent Russell Brynn Sophia Schultz Warren Louis Smith Kennedy Grace Thistle

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

#### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

| Sunday (5/14) |       |    | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY                    | Pastor: Charles Papenfuss          |  |
|---------------|-------|----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|               | 8:00  | am | Worship Service                       | <u>······</u>                      |  |
|               | 9:15  | am | Adult & Teen Bible Study              | ORGANIST: BOB KLUG                 |  |
|               | 9:15  | am | Sunday School                         |                                    |  |
|               | 10:30 | am | Worship Service                       | SONCE: As Drinted                  |  |
| Tuesday       | 10:30 | am | Senior Bible Study                    | SONGS: As Printed                  |  |
|               | 7:15  | pm | Outreach Meeting                      |                                    |  |
| Wednesday     | 8:30  | am | Children's Chapel                     | First Lesson:<br>Proverbs 31:10-31 |  |
|               | 4:00  | pm | Public School Confirmation Class      |                                    |  |
| Thursday      | 7:00  | pm | Ascension Worship Service w/Communion | SECOND LESSON:                     |  |
| Saturday      | 7:00  | am | Men's Breakfast Bible Study           | 2 Timothy 1:3-7                    |  |
| Sunday (5/21) | 8:00  | am | Worship Service w/Communion           | 2 minotity 1.5-7                   |  |
| -             | 9:15  | am | Adult & Teen Bible Study              | Sermon:                            |  |
|               | 9:15  | am | Sunday School                         | 1 Peter 3:1-7                      |  |
|               | 10:30 | am | Worship Service w/Communion           | 11 ((() 5.17                       |  |
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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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