



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Third Sunday After Easter

April 30, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (vs 1,2,5)*.....#363

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Alleluia! now we cry to our Lord immortal, who triumphant burst the Bars of the tomb's dark portal; Alleluia! with the Son God the Father praising; Alleluia! yet again, to the Spirit raising.

Greeting

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.

Confession (*Let us pray together*)

C: Compassionate God, break us open when we have hardened our hearts. Break us open to reach out to those who are marginalized. Break us open to see injustice around us. Break us open to know our neighbors, those who live on the streets as well as

comfortable houses; those who speak a different language as well as the tongue we know; even the ones who sit next to us as we worship. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: God is doing something new, and it is pushing through and breaking forth. Nothing can stop it, neither drought or flood, spring winds or late winter snow. God is breaking into our lives in a new way. Can you not feel it? Know that you are beloved by God. You are forgiven. Listen to God, and follow Jesus in the world

C: Amen.

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Kyrie.....Page 203

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise.....Page 204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross

you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

C: Director of our steps, You have called us forth into this world to do justice and fully trust in Your work and be free to feel the music You have written, that is playing all around us. Partner with us, so that we know Your presence is beside us in every movement. Guide our lives; direct our steps; lead us in the dance of life. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 43

L: Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people ; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

C: For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?

L: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;

C: that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God, my God.

L: Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

Reading.....Acts 13:42-49

Paul's Mission.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*What Wondrous Love Is This* (vs 1,3,4).....#666

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

Prayers of the Intercession (Each petition will end with “Lord in your mercy”; please respond “**Hear our prayers**”.)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift

your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Eternal loving Shepherd, your Son laid down his life for us, his sheep.
Help us to follow him by loving and serving the people around us.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....Page 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we
proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 208

Holy Communion

O Lamb of God.....Page 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn.....*As The Grains Of Wheat*.....#465

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

Communion Prayer

P: Heavenly Father, you gave your Son to die and raised him to give us eternal life. Grant that we who have received his body and blood may live in him and serve you as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Lift High The Cross(vs 1,2,4)*.....#660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!
Refrain**

Blessing

P: Go now as witnesses of God's presence, the risen Christ has made himself known. So set your faith and hope on God. fulfilling and living in genuine mutual love. And may God hear and respond whenever you call; May Christ Jesus make himself known to you in all things; And may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and set your hearts on fire with love.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Celebration Sunday: Today is celebration Sunday! Thank you to everyone who brought in a treat to share in celebration of your April birthday or special event. God bless!

Keep In Touch: Please be sure that the church office has your email address. This is the last month that the Messenger will be sent by mail to everyone. On a trial basis, we will be sending the Messenger to all of our members by email. After looking into the cost of postage, cost of paper and 1/2 of the mailing is going to non-active members of our church we felt this was the practical thing to do. We will mail an actual copy to our shut-ins who do not have email and will have a few copies available in the church narthex. There are black books located in the pews where you may leave your name and email so that we may keep in touch with you. Thanks!

Holy Cow! Survey: Members we need your help! Please go to the link below to complete the following survey. This information will be used by our Transition Team and the Synod in helping to find us a pastor that will fit our needs and expectations. You may also find the link on our church

website: oslcwhitehall.org or you may request a written copy to take.

Thanks for your cooperation!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurSavioursWhitehall>

Upcoming Events/Services: First Communion class on Saturday, May 6th from 3-5pm. First Communion service will be on Sunday, May 7th at 9:15am. Senior Recognition Service will be on Sunday, May 21st at 9:15am.

Blessing of the Seeds: On May 7th, bring seeds, plants, and any gardening tools with you to service to have them blessed. After being blessed, we will put them right to work with a “clean-up” day at the cemetery and park. See you then!

Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits: Why wait for fall to begin collecting supplies for mission kits? Each month we will try and collect certain items so the kits will be ready to go by October. For **May** we will be collecting **Combs** (sturdy wide tooth) **Nail clippers, Toothbrushes** (adult size)

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Gary Pampuch, Kermit Pederson, William Youngbauer, Delaine Stendahl, Mavis Olson, Lance Giebel, Mark Carlson, and Nicole Warner.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthausen, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthausen, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesvold, Dale and Sonja Lyngen, Delores Coburn, Sue Lyga, Ivan Semb, Claire Hanson, Bambi Beck, Fern Moe, and Deb Zwick.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Bible Study 6:15pm
Praise Team 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am
Worship 5:30pm
Confirmation 6:00pm
JCrew 6:30pm
Senior Choir Practice 7:00pm

Saturday - First Communion Class 3:00pm

Sunday - Sunday Worship 9:15am (First Communion)
Sunday School 10:15am
Crochet Class 10:15am

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