



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Fourth Sunday After Easter**

May 7, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vs 1 - 3)*.....#392

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

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: Almighty God, You created the heavens and the earth, and yet we doubt Your goodness. We see war and poverty, despair and oppression, and the great horrors the works of our hands have done. Yet You**

**created us in Your image, and You have given us good works to do. Help us to undo the wrong in the world, to tear down the walls, and instead to be works of restoration, to restore the goodness of Your creative work. In the name of Christ, who continues to do good works in us, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**P:** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is God’s faithfulness, the one in whom we put all our trust, hope, and faith. Know that you are forgiven. You are a new creation in Christ. Likewise, you are to go and do the work God has given you to do, to love one another, and care for each other.

**C: Amen.**

**\*\*Order of Service - Page 203 in the Hymnal\*\***

**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: Author of Life, You have written us into Your great work. You have given us all an important role. Help us to rediscover who we are, who You created us to be. Enable us to do good work in this world, to care for all of Your gifts of creation, and to be Your body in Christ here on earth. May we recognize our inter-connectedness and inter-dependence. In Your name, we pray. Amen.**

Psalm.....Psalm 14

L: Fools say in the hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

**C: The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

L: They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**C: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

L: See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

**C: Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

L: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord

restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

Reading.....Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

Paul's Final Days.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vs 1-3).....#631

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

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: Thank you, merciful God, for the great love you have shown us in Christ. Draw us more and more into his love, and help us to reflect his love by our care and concern for other people.

**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, 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.....*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*.....#461

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Communion Prayer

P: Almighty and merciful God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Teach us to seek you where you may be found, especially in your word and sacraments. May we rely on you in all our needs, so that our deepest desires may be satisfied, and we may finally see you face to face. 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.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (vs 1 - 3).....#366

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessing

P: Go now, listening for the voice of Christ, and follow the example, devote yourself to teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayer of God's people. And may God lead you to places of rest and renewal; may Christ give you life in abundance; and may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with gladness and generosity. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **Announcements**

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Susie Jordahl in memory of her daughter, Juanita, who passed away 20 years ago on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Faithfully Refurbished Sale & Auction**, Saturday, June 17, 11am. Spring is here -- time to work on projects for this year's sale! Invite all your friends! Questions? Contact Laura Foss, 715-797-5342, LauraFoss@hotmail.com or Viola Jacobson, 715-538-2150, [FVJaco@tcc.coop](mailto:FVJaco@tcc.coop).

**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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. First Communion service will be on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Senior Recognition Service will be on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am.

**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: **Marian Miller, Shirley Eide, and Daniel Koxlien.**

**Please pray for the following:** Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthouser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthouser, 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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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

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