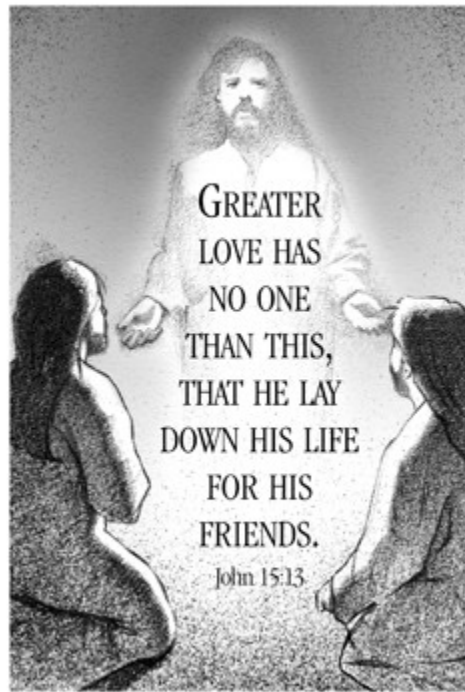


SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday in Easter

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 am Service & Live Stream Service

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN **“Children of the Heavenly Father”** **Hymn #474**

Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird or star in heaven such a refuge ne'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

(moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you, who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit, you have made us Your children. We pray that you would help us bear Your loving family resemblance for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48 NT p. 1005
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6 NT p.1114
(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")

Special Music "Shall We Gather at the River" Saving Grace Choir

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" p. 83

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 15:9-17 NT p. 991
*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord!")
(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")*

SERMON "We're Growing Somewhere" Pastor Dan Doran

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day "Dear Christians, One and All" (v. 1, 6-8) Hymn #299

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, how his right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost him!

The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore, a servant's form, like mine, he wore
to lead the devil captive.

To me he said, "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are mine, and where I am you may remain;
the foe shall not divide us.

"Though he will shed my precious blood, of life me thus bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.

Reception of Offering

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin, Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

"Take My Life, that I May Be"

(v. 1-6) Hymn #406

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,

BENEDICTION Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 98 Praise the Judge of the World

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into

joyous song and sing praises. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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