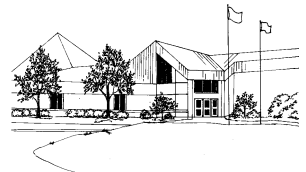


**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER RITE OF CONFIRMATION

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Let Me Be Yours Forever"

[tune: AURELIA]

Please stand and face the processional cross as we sing.

**Let me be yours forever,
My gracious God and Lord;
May I forsake you never
Nor wander from your Word.
Preserve me from the mazes
Of error and distrust,
And I shall sing your praises
Forever with the just.**

**Lord, Jesus, bounteous giver
Of light and life divine,
You did my soul deliver;
To you I all resign.
You have in mercy bought me
With blood and bitter pain;
Let me, since you have sought me,
Eternal life obtain.**

**O Holy Spirit, pouring
Sweet peace into my heart
And all my soul restoring,
Let me in grace depart.
And while his name confessing
Whom I by faith have known,
Grant me your constant blessing
And take me as your own.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-4, 8-9; 40:5

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

People: **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

People: **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

CONFESSION AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Drawn from the Six Chief Parts; Exodus 20

Pastor: For the times we have had other gods in our lives...

People: and for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have misused the name of the Lord...

People: and for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...

People: and for the times we have despised the preaching of Your Word, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have not honored father or mother...

People: and for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have murdered...

People: by hurting people in thought, word, and deed, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have committed adultery...

People: with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have stolen...

People: and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have given false testimony...

People: and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have coveted our neighbors' possessions or family members...

People: and for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us, good Lord.

ABSOLUTION AND THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS

Drawn from the Six Chief Parts

Pastor: Upon your confession I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the victory Christ has won for us, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Build My Life” by B. Younker, K. Martin, K. E. Kaple,
M. Redman, & P. Barrett

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.**

**Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. Oh, we live for You.**

Chorus **Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me. *Repeat Chorus***

Bridge **I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken. *Repeat Bridge***

Repeat Chorus twice.

Repeat Bridge once.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FURST READING

Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.

Acts 8:26–40

Reader: An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited

Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

An exhortation to lives of Christian love.

1 John 4:1–11

Reader: Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL *Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.* **John 15:1–8**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED and AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Drawn from the Six Chief Parts

Pastor: What is Baptism?

Confirmands: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

People: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Pastor: What benefits does Baptism give?

Confirmands: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.

People: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. *Mark 16:16*

Pastor: How can water do such great things?

Confirmands: Baptism is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

People: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. *Titus 3:5-8*

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?
Confirmands: The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

People: We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. *Romans 6:4*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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.

Please be seated.

SONG

"Christ Is with Me"

by G. P. Coleman



1 We were bur - ied with Him in - to death,
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine,
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.



That as He was raised by God's glo - ry,
Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,
I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.



We might walk in life made new by grace.
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in Him:
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,
 Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with Him.
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.
 One who loved me so— gave Him - self for me.
 Christ ___ is with ___ me ev - 'ry - where I go.
 Nev - er to leave ___ me, this I ___ know.

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SERMON

“Already You Are Clean”

John 15:1-8

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Lutheran Service Book, page 272

Confirmation Class of 2024

Peter David Cook

Silas Wesley Daniel

Elijah Zachary Perkins

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising You and saying:

People: **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE & AGNUS DEI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen. “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

- 1 **Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 **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.**

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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SONG

"I Will Rise" by C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, L. Giglio, M. Maher

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul.
I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

Chorus

And I will rise when He calls my name,
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings.
Before my God fall on my knees and rise. **I will rise.**

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead. *Chorus*

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
"Worthy is the Lamb!" *Chorus*

I will rise. I will rise.

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Please stand.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are My own.
 In My love’s baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
 Go, My children, with My blessing—
 You are My own.**

- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
 Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.**

- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
 Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit’s power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.**

- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
 I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
 Go, My children; I will keep you
 And give you peace.**

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10:34–48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1–8

John 15:9–17
