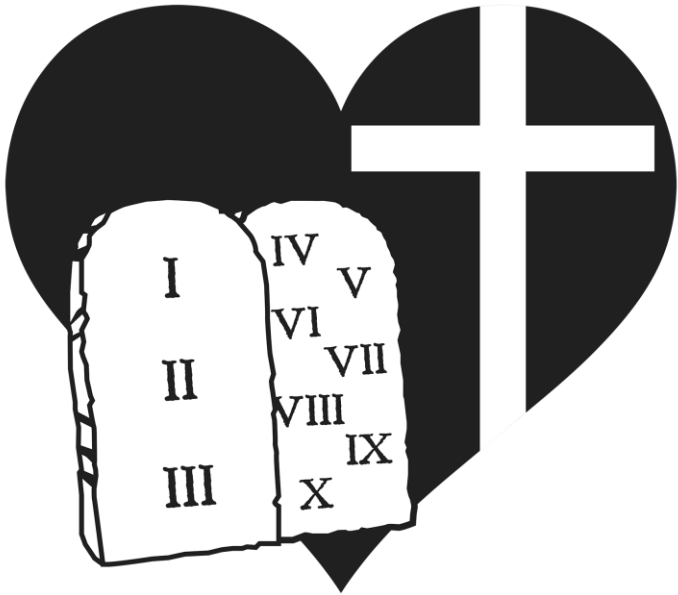
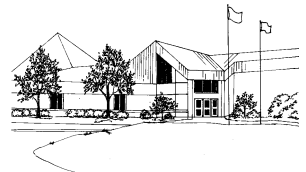


**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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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 A treasured children's song, "I Love to Tell the Story, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love." The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus' words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the "others" beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the "old, old story of Jesus and His love" anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“My Hope Is in You”

by A. Geesbreght

I meet with You, and my soul sings out
As Your Word throws doubt far away.
I sing to You, and my heart cries holy.
Hallelujah, Father, You're near.

Chorus 1 My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
A peace that passes understanding is my song.
And I sing My hope is in You, Lord.

I wait for You, and my soul finds rest.
In my selfishness You show me grace.
I worship You, and my heart cries glory.
Hallelujah, Father, You're here. *Chorus 1*

Bridge I will wait on You.
You are my refuge. *(Repeat 3X)*

Chorus 2 My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long.
I won't be shaken by drought or storm.
The peace that passes understanding is my song,
And I sing My hope is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Pastor: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **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

“Ancient of Days”

by J. Harvill & G. Sadler

Verse: **Blessing and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From ev'ry nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.**

Chorus: **Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days. *Repeat Verse and Chorus***

Bridge: **Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days;
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

Chorus

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FIRST READING

People from every nation are accepted by God.

Acts 10:34–48

Reader: Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

The victory of Christ overcomes the world.

1 John 5:1–8

Reader: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only

but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Love"

John 15:9-17

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Obedying Christ's commands and remaining in His love.

John 15:9-17

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

“Holy Spirit”

by K. Getty & S. Townend

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

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SERMON

“Abiding Love and the Commandments”

John 15:9-17

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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

People: Lord, be with us and bless us.

Pastor: We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship.

People: Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us.

Pastor: We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and

underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially* . . .]. We pray...

People: **Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.**

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

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 proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, whom to know is everlasting life, we are granted all good things and are directed in ways of peace. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your benediction that we may abide in Your love, sharing that wondrous love in all our words and deeds throughout our life's journey on earth. Together with angels and archangels and with all that rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, abiding in Your amazing love as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

People: **Amen.**

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 ☩ 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 ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

People: **"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

I Love to Tell the Story

[tune: HANKEY]

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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SONG

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

by D. Fishel

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation. *Refrain***

**Spread the Good News o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain***

**We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever. *Refrain***

**God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain***

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain***

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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.

CLOSING SONG

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

by C. Tomlin, D. Carson, E. Cash, G. Gaither, J. Ingram, M. Maher, W. J. Gaither

**I believe in the Son;
I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood;**

Chorus 1 **Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives.
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.**

**I was dead in the grave;
I was covered in sin and shame;
I heard mercy call my name;
He rolled the stone away.**

Chorus 1b **Amen, amen,
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives.
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends.**

Bridge **Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone;
I know He holds my life,
My future in His hand. *Repeat Chorus 1b twice***

Ending **Because He lives; because He lives.**

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Readings for next week, 5/12:

Acts 1:12–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–15

John 17:11b–19
