

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Stephen (Wally) Seibel

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Chris Burris

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer,
regular Bible reading,
weekly worship,
tithing, and
serving others.*

May 2, 2021

Worship Service

9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**Beloved, let us
love one another:
for love is of God;
and every one that
loveth is born of God,
and knoweth God.
He that loveth not
knoweth not God;
for God is love.**

1 John 4:7-8





Welcome
—We are glad you are here—

TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.

We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."

We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.

Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

WORSHIP SERVERS

9:00 A.M. Worship

Ushers: Bob & Launa Tardiff
Reader: Roger Stai
Music Leader: Sherry Towns
Projectionist: Toby Fite

10:30 A.M. Worship

Ushers: Pending
Reader: Blaine Davis
Music Leader: Sherry Towns
Projectionist: Toby Fite

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2021 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ ALL THE PEOPLE SAID "AMEN"

You are not alone, if you are lonely.
When you're feeling frail,
 you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free,
It's all we've got to lean on
But thank God it's all we need.

Chorus:
And all the people said,
"Amen!"..whooh!
And all the people said, "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen!"

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, we know love is
 what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all
 in this together.

God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all
Chorus

Blessed are
 the poor in spirit who are torn apart;
Blessed are
 the persecuted and the pure in heart;
Blessed are
 the people longing for another start;
For this is the kingdom,
 the kingdom of God.
Chorus

And all the people said,
"Amen!"..whooh!
And all the people said, "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord
 for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen!"
And all the people said, "Amen!"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

KYRIE ~ SUNG

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

LBW p. 81

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and
strength and honor and blessing
and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in
the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶An 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. ²⁷And 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 ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip,

“Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And 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?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And 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. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

²**Praise him for his mighty acts;**
praise him for his excellent greatness.

³Praise him with the blast of the ram’s horn;
praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise him with timbrel and dance;**
praise him with strings and pipe.

⁵Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath**
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, 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. ²By this you know the Spir-

it of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,³ 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.⁴ 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.⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.⁶ 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.⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

LBW p.83

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL ~ John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON ~ O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH YOU

LBW 492, vs. 1-2

O Master, let me walk with you
In lowly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR STEPHEN (WALLY) SEIBEL

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH YOU

LBW 492, vs. 3-4

Teach me your patience; share with me
A closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only you can give;
With you, O Master, let me live.

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

Each petition ends with:

A. Lord, in your mercy;

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW p. 89

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or session, concluding:)*

We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven 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.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Please Sit

LAMB OF GOD

LBW p. 92

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

*And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go through the voice of
woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

LBW 212

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ WE ARE CALLED

Come, live in the light,
Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
To be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom
Of the city of God.

Chorus:

*We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.*

Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to
All those in fear!
We are called
To be hope for the hopeless,

So hatred and violence
Will be no more.

Chorus

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
When all will be one
God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers
United in love.

Chorus

Ending:
We'll walk humbly with God.
We'll walk humbly with God.
We'll walk humbly...
Humbly...
Humbly with God.

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ GLORY TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ GOD IS GOOD

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.

God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

If you're walkin' through the valley
And there are shadows all around,
Do not fear, He will guide you,
He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave
you;
Nor forsake you, and His Word is true.
God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good, all the time.

Through the darkest night
his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

We were sinners, so unworthy,
Still for us He chose to die.
Filled us with His Holy Spirit;
Now we can stand and testify
that His love is everlasting,
and His mercies they will never
end.

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.
God is good, God is good...,
all the time.

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Though I may not understand
all the plans You have for me.
My life is in Your hands,
and through the eyes of faith
I can clearly see...

God is good, all the time.
He put a song of praise
in this heart of mine.
God is good all the time,
Through the darkest night
his light will shine.

God is good, God is good,
God is good, He's so good,
God is good, He's so good,

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

DR. JAEYONG LEE

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Announcements

Sunday School

Today, May 2, is our last day for Sunday School. We are taking a summer break and will let you know when we will start again in September. A special thanks goes to all our teachers, and others who helped, for their hard work and dedication this past year.

Bible Study

We began a six-week study of Thessalonians 1 and 2 on April 29. Come join us and participate in our lively discussions of God's Word! We meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 AM on Thursdays. We have study booklets available for \$7. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Burris at cburris9031@gmail.com.

Lutherhill Summer Camp—Save the Date!!!

Our Saviors will be going to camp July 11 - 16. Sign ups have begun and you can sign up on the Lutherhill website, lutherhill.org/... Camp is for students completing 4th - 12th grade. If financial assistance is needed, we have camperships available. Please let Pastor Wally know if a campership is needed. Transportation will be provided by OSLC.

Another Exciting VBS—Save the Date!!!

Lutherhill will be here for VBS June 20-25. This will include ages from 3yr/potty-trained thru 6th/7th grade. Signups will start on May 20th on the church website.

Help the Quilters

The Quilters are in the process of making baby blankets to supply those in need during an unexpected disaster, such as flooding, tornadoes, etc. If you have any gently used flannel sheets or material or any new flannel material, you can help in the baby blanket project by donating material to the Quilters. Please place any donations in the box which has been set outside the Quilter's room, which is in the Sunday School Wing of the church. The Quilters have also made carrying bags for supplies given to those in need. Thank you for supporting the Quilters, OSLC, and the NALC through these donations.

BYOB

BYOB – Bring your own Bibles on Sundays to read the Gospel reading.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (MAY 2—MAY 9, 2021)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: VARIES DUE TO COVID-19.

*IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865 AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS,
LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.*

SUNDAY—May 2, 2021

Early Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
CODA 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

FRIDAY

ACA 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY—May 9, 2021

Early Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

No Activities Scheduled

STEWARDSHIP		APRIL 25, 2021 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 20,833</u>	Attendance April 25 Early Service: 30 Late Service: 56	86
Prior April Offerings	\$ 19,184	Average Attendance 2021	84
Offerings on Sunday, April 25	2,053		
Offerings during the week	<u>990</u>		
Total April Offerings	<u>\$ 22,227</u>		
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 82,949</u>		