

May 9, 2021

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: In the morning sun of that first Easter, Jesus' followers saw an open and empty tomb, the first glimpse of a new world changed and saved by God's love.

C: Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see that same glory and be filled with faith.

P: They heard the angels proclaim, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

C: Open our ears that we might hear this same good news and be filled with hope.

P: They were filled with wonder and joy as they saw their Lord and knew that death had been defeated.

C: Open our hearts that we might be filled with the peace and joy of your everlasting love. Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

1. Come! live in the light!
Shine with the 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!

Refrain:

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.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

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Call to Confession

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“Goodness of God” – Fielding

Madeline Cacciatore

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-8

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 119:137-144

¹³⁷You are righteous, O LORD,
and upright are your judgments.

¹³⁸**You commanded your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.**

¹³⁹My indignation has consumed me,
because my enemies forget your words.

¹⁴⁰**Your word is very pure,
and your servant loves it.**

¹⁴¹I am small and of little account,
yet I do not forget your commandments.

¹⁴²**Your righteousness is everlasting
and your teaching is true.**

¹⁴³Trouble and distress have come upon me,
yet your commandments are my delight.

¹⁴⁴**The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting;
grant me understanding, that I may live.**

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Acts 9:1-19a

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Sermon

"The Gospel Changes Us"

Pastor Dave

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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Baptism of Jacquelyn Jae Brooks (8:30 AM)

Jacquelyn is the daughter of Glen and Jennifer Brooks. Her baptismal sponsors are Jeff and Becka Clobes. May God's blessing be upon this child.

People of God, do you promise to support *Jacquelyn Jae Brooks* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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 Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Hymn (8:30 AM)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Apostles' Creed (10:30 AM)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory Prayer

P: God of love,

C: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." Children not yet communing are invited to receive a blessing.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ELW #575

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| 1 | In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath. | 3 | In Christ called to witness,
by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ's ways. |
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Our Savior's Weekly News

May 9 – May 16, 2021

THIS WEEK AT OSLC:

May 9

Brooks Baptism

8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live

10:30 AM Worship

May 10

9:30 AM Men's Bible Study

May 11

9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Adult Ministry Team

6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team

6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team

7:00 PM Facilities & Grounds Team

May 12

9:00 AM Cards of Caring

May 13

10:00 AM WELCA Bible Study

May 16

Senior Quilt Milestone

8:30 AM Worship & Facebook Live

10:30 AM Worship



From Our Synod Office as we thank Bishop Jon Anderson for serving as our bishop for 18 years:

On June 14, 2003, Pastor Jon V. Anderson was elected to serve as the bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. For the past 18 years, Bishop Jon has faithfully served as pastor to leaders and congregations, led synod governance, and flourished as a teacher of theology and Scripture. He has served on the boards of numerous church organizations and institutions of higher learning, as well as leading initiatives of the ELCA and the Conference of Bishops. During the last year, Bishop Jon guided us through the pandemic. His leadership over these 18 yrs. will have a lasting impact! You can honor Bishop Jon's legacy by making a special gift in support of a ministry he cares about deeply:

Gifts of Grace – Toward Financial Well-being. Gifts of Grace has been creating a culture of generosity and

transforming leaders and congregations since 2016. Gifts in Bishop Jon's honor can be made by going to <https://swmnelca.org/gifts-of-grace/>. Our Savior's church council will also be making a gift on behalf of the congregation. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Kathy.

In Our Prayers This Week:

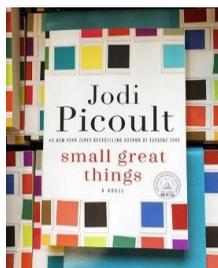
Russ Brown
Dixie Flitter
Marj Frederickson
Ardis Groebner
Sharon Hulke
Joyce Jobe
Dave Marsh
Family of Richard Neumann
Tom Postel
Keith Riser
Sharon Riser
Dave Swenson
Con Trapp
Linda Trimnell
Michele Walters
Tom Weilage
Paul Wilker

**Please direct prayer requests to
Pastor Kathy, Pastor Dave
or the church office.**

Senior Quilt Milestone

On **Sunday, May 16th at the 8:30 AM worship service**, Our Savior's will be celebrating the Class of 2021! Seniors should RSVP to Lindsay, and email a copy of a baby photo and their senior picture for our slide show to Jen (jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org) **by May 13th**. We can't wait to celebrate you!

Summer Reading Group



This summer the Adult Ministry Team will be hosting a book group. Our first book will be "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. This book will be discussed on **June 10th at 6:30 PM**. This book comes highly recommended and should lead to a great conversation! For more information, please contact Pastor Dave.



PLEASE Register by June 1st

Pre-k - 5th grade attend VBS
6th grade and up are invited to be helpers/leaders

*****OFFERING A MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSION THIS YEAR!*****

All Aboard! VBS registration is OPEN!!

In order to have a safe and fun VBS this year, we are offering a morning session from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, and an afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Parents and Grandparents, we need your help to make VBS a success! If you are willing to lend a hand this year, please visit vbspro.events/p/oslcvbs2021 to register. Questions? Contact Lindsay!



OUR SAVIOR'S

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5/2 General Offering	\$ 9,133.10	\$ 155,480.50	\$ 156,834.00
5/2 Building Fund	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 21,801.00	\$ 22,626.00
TOTAL:	\$ 10,818.10	\$ 177,281.50	\$ 179,460.00
5/2 World Hunger	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,509.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	FB Live Views	10:30AM Sun.
5/2/21	73	57	49