

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour We Greet Our Members and Visitors Warmly In Jesus' Name.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024



This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour *Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!* 

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Prelude

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

#### **Entrance Hymn: "All Are Welcome"**





	Thanksgiving for Baptism		
Leader:	Blessed be the Holy Trinity, $+$ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.		
All:	Amen.		
Leader:	Look, here is water!		
All:	Here is our water of life! Alleluia!		
Leader:	<i>ler:</i> Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has do for us.		
	We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the <b>deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's</b> verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.		
	<b>Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's</b> land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.		
	Look, here is water!		
All:	Here is our water of life! Alleluia!		
Leader:	At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the <b>Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the</b> floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.		
	We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.		
All:	Amen.		
Leader:	Look, here is water!		
All:	Here is our water of life! Alleluia!		

## Prayer of the Day

- *Leader:* Let us pray.
- All: O God, 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.



# The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Lector: While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can any one withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord *All:* Thanks be to God.

	Psalm 98
Lector:	Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
All:	Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Lector:	You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
All:	Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Lector:	Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
All:	With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
Lector:	Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
All:	Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.
Lector:	The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

# Lector: God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

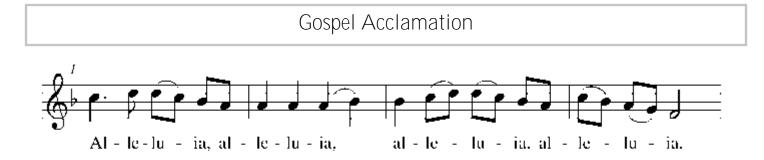
A reading from the first book of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

- *Lector:* The Word of the Lord.
- All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)



*Cantor:* Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.



## The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



#### The Hymn of the Day: "Come Down O Love Divine"



(You may be seated)

## The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

(Please Stand)



## (Please Stand)

## The Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith. Leader: All: We believe in one God, the Father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin. We look forward for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. Prayer of Intercession Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for Leader: the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. (a brief silence) Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

- All: hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
- All: hear our prayer.

- *Leader:* Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,
- All: hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,
- All: hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,
- All: hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,
- All: hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- All: Amen.



Sharing of the Peace

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

(Please be seated)

Love one another, for love is of God. Love one another, for God is love.

God loved the world so much he sent his only son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

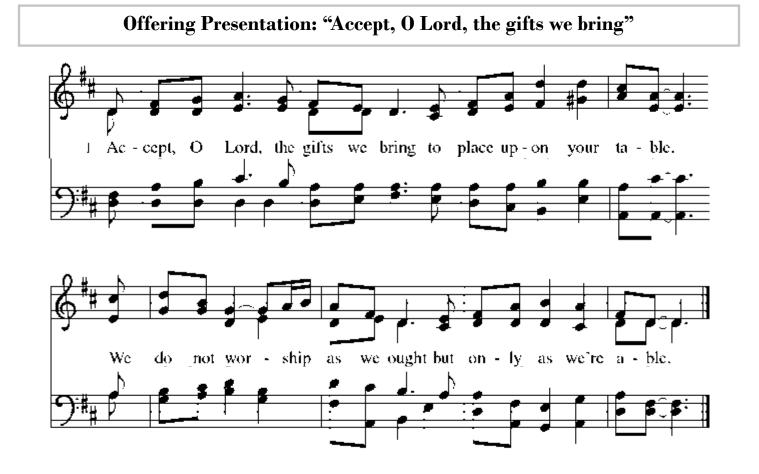
Since God has given his love to us, therefore let us love one another. If we love one another, God will love us, and live in us in perfect love.

*Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows him as the Father. But they whyo do not love do not know God, for God is love.* 

Let not your hearts be troubled, for love has no room for fear. In love all fear is forgotten, for God is here with us.

God is love, and they who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them.

(Please stand if you are able)



# Offering Prayer

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. We give thanks for the blessings you bestow on us and offer them in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

- *Leader:* Let us pray as our Savior taught.
- All: 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
Leader:	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All:	Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader:	The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope 🕂 bless you now and always. Amen.



## Closing Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



*Leader:* Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

#### Announcements

Special Sunday School Activities—Every first Sunday of the Month.

Equal Exchange—Orders will be taken on May 5th. This will be the last order until September.

<u>Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry</u>—May 9th at 9:30 a.m. No experience necessary. Speak to Ann Seppa for more information.

Scout Chicken Barbeque—May 11th at 11am till the grub is gone. \$14 per plate.

WELCA Hosting Gary Larder, Chairman of the Red Wings—Please join the ladies on May 14th at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Celebration of the Life of Mike Otto</u>—May 18th at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Maggie's Summer Camp Item Collection</u>—Please see the list on the Narthex table or in the May edition of the Communicator to provide one of the items.

<u>Loop Ministry Looking for Board Members</u>—Give your time to a worthy cause and become a board member. Speak to Pastor Wilck or Rainer Stellrecht for more information.

<u>Spare Car?</u> - Marlow, one of our church attendees is currently in need and looking for a vehicle. If you or someone you know has a car they are interested in selling, please contact her at: 664-5811.

<u>Volunteer at Camp Joy this summer!</u> A summer camp for developmentally disabled adults is looking for volunteers. Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, and this year will be June 23rd-28th (Sunday-Friday). Both full- and part-time staff are needed, full room and board are provided for full-time staff, and there is absolutely no monetary requirement for volunteers and no previous experience with this population needed! Part-time volunteers are welcomed to meals while there. As all volunteers need to have background checks, registration, even if unsure of dates available that week, needs to be done as early as possible For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoyny.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions. Thank you!!!Talk with past and returning volunteers at Our Saviour, Pam and Steve Brady, Mary Ellen Saur, and Charlyne Hickey.

Save the Date

- May 26th, installation and dedication of Veteran Bricks.
- Jubilees Picnic—June 20th at 12pm at Memorial Park Lodge in Gates.

<u>Altar Flowers</u>—The flowers on the Altar today are given by Barbara Collins, "in memory of my precious son, Jason Walter Faro from his beloved momma."

## This Week

## May 5th—Sunday—EQUAL EXCHANGE 9:00 a.m. .....Sunday School Special Activities Day 11:00 a.m......Bell Choir Practice May 6th—Monday May 7th—Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study May 9th—Thursday 9:30 a.m. Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry May 10th—Friday May 11th—Saturday

## Service Schedule

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday May 5	Pam Brady	Ann Marie MacBride	Wendy Forrest	Carol Werth	n/a	n/a
Sunday May 12	Brian Spencer	Pam Spencer	Pam Spencer	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey	John Macksamie
Sunday May 19	Frank Johnson	Larry & Janie Hopkins	Deb Ciccone	Paul Hamblin	n/a	n/a
Sunday May 26	Ed Jarvis	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Daryl Jarvis	Peggy Hamblin	Paul Hamblin

# Birthdays This Week

Robyn Griffin Carmalena Loughlin	May 5
Carmalena Loughlin	May 6
Austin Maas	May /
JD Coval Susan Yackel	May 8
Susan Yackel	May 8
Dillon Griffin	May 10
Jeff Blank	May 11
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## Anniversaries This Week

Dick & Carol Ransom ...... May 10, 54 years

## Our Saviour Church Council



Steve Brady, President	2 year term	
Ann Seppa, Vice President	•	WELCA, Church & Community
Heidi Kozireski, Secretary	2 year term	
Deb Ciccone, Treasurer	1 year term	Finance
Dave Cuff	1 year term	Missions
Lois Dannenberg	3 year term	Properties
Charlyne Hickey, at large	1 year term	Reformation Archives
Frank Johnson	2 year term	Properties
John Macksamie		Missions
Ruth Otto	3 year term	Worship
Mary Ellen Saur, at large	1 year term	Stewardship
Pam Spencer	1 year term	Evangelism, Alpha
Rainer Stellrecht	•	
Carol Werth	2 year term	CLC

#### Members In Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Jack Erbelding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Carolyn Hane, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Lynn Johnston, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, Elly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Leader Joachim Wilck, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie, David Stone, Alice Crawford, Daryl Jarvis, Sharon Nazarian

#### Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG, Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

<u>Others Serving</u> LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson, Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis

#### Family & Friends In Need of Payer

John Aune	brother of Ann Marie MacBride
Sam Bagdan	
Danny Baird	
Michael Baird, Jr.	
Jeremy Balmer	
Shannon Balmer	
Dan Burrell and family	
Anthony Caratello	
Rick Conley	friend of Jean Lombard
Annette and Casey Corbridge and family	family of Debi and John Macksamie
Marilyn Dawe	
Marlene Denz	
Family of Cliff Dilg	friend of Carol and Dick Ransom
Rich Doehl	friend of Debi Macksamie
Krystle Earle	daughter of Debbie Frey
Valerie Gingello	
Gary Gubiatti	stepmom's brother of Valerie Baird
Barbara Haefele	aunt of Steven Fries
Roy & Ann Hamblin	
Alfreda Hanna	
Stacy Harris	friend of Wendy Forrest
Kyle Hopkins	
Sean Hopkins	son of Larry & Janie Hopkins

## Family & Friends In Need of Payer Continued

Family or Rick Horn	cousin of Wendy Forrest
Cathy Lee Johnson	niece of Ann Seppa
Nancy Lenox	mother in law of Steve Fries
Greg Lombard	son of Jean Lombard
Scott Lynaugh	nephew of Alice Crawford
Zoe and John Marshall	friends of Debi Macksamie
JohnAnthony Neri	
Lucy Pilaroscia	neighbor of Peggy Hamblin
Scott Preston	son of Karen Preston
Marianna Reed	friend of Debi Macksamie
Martha Richenberg	sister of David Nowatka
Lois Russell	friend of our WELCA
Mary Anne Schnabel	friend of Bill Vogel
Matt Seger	family friend of Valerie Baird
Joseph Seiler	brother in law of David Nowatka
Avrie Sinesiou	friend of Keely Lyons
Denton Sutphen	brother of Debi Macksamie
Glena Sutphen	sister-in-law of John and Debi Macksamie
Kerri Wallenhorst and family	friends of Jenny (Stich) Guiles
	cousin of Ric Seiling
Clarence Wingate	nephew-in-law of Jack Erbelding
	friend of Alice Crawford

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