



April 29-30, 2023

## Affirmation of Baptism

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN****"God Is Here!"****#526**

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



# \*THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



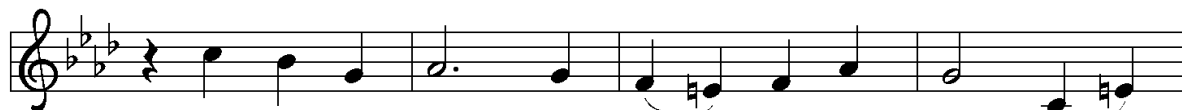
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



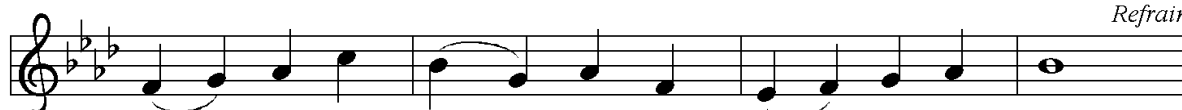
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

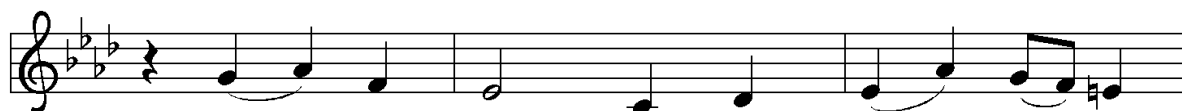


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“The First Song of Isaiah” (10:30 a.m.)  
Senior Choir

## READING Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

### \*GOSPEL John 10:1-10

The Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

### \*HYMN “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” #326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(page 234 in front of hymnal)

(10:30 a.m.)

### PRESENTATION

I present the following *individuals* who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### 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?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

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

*Response:*

I renounce them.

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

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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?

**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.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS**

*Each confirmand is blessed through the laying on of hands by the pastors, parents and sponsors.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

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**

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better! At **10:30 a.m.**, the **pastor** will offer the prayer petitions.)*

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples. Be with our confirmation students, especially Charlie as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

## **MISSION MOMENT**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## \*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.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

*HOLY COMMUNION All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



# COMMUNION HYMNS

## "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

#484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

## \*BLESSING

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

## \*HYMN "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" #544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.



**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### ***CONFIRMANDS 2023***

<i>Danielle Christianson</i>	<i>Tyson Labus</i>
<i>Baylee Faucett</i>	<i>Dayne Langrehr</i>
<i>Bennett Fennigkoh</i>	<i>Autumn Loging</i>
<i>Jaxson Hauser</i>	<i>Olivia Maki</i>
<i>Aidan Hillyer</i>	<i>Hayden Massman</i>
<i>Parker Hundt</i>	<i>Nathan Premo</i>
<i>Erin Jones</i>	<i>Breanna Smith</i>
<i>Lydia Jothen</i>	<i>Emelia Tlustosch</i>
<i>Spencer Kammel</i>	

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

**6 p.m.**

Jon Hetland  
Jon & Maryrose Hetland

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

**8 a.m.**

Anna Gross  
Eric Ender  
Steve & Sue Ahles

Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Welcoming Team

**10:30 a.m.**

Candace Drury  
Tracy Hesse  
Justin & Katie Drury

Home Communion

Carolyn Karl

Altar Guild for April

Jill Iliff

### **OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Laurie Noelke, Handbell Choir Director/Assistant Worship Musician

Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS**

Wednesday, May 3  
3:30 pm - After School  
5:30 pm - Meal  
6 pm - 6 grade - Class

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**REMINDER:** May 1 - College Scholarship requests due.

**SENIOR CONNECTION** - Tuesday, May 9 @ Linda’s Bakery 9:30 am.

**SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior’s Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver’s, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman’s, and Ship Shape car wash.

**HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR APRIL  
FEED OUR CHILDREN SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

We are once again getting ready to serve lunch to the children in the community this summer. Our April Hungry Jar offerings will help support this ministry to feed the children nutritious meals.

Last year (with lots of community help and support), we fed around 175 kids twice a week. That’s close to 4,000 meals over the summer!

Watch for more information as it gets closer to see how you, too, can be a part of this important ministry by sharing of your time and resources to help prepare and serve the lunches, and provide specific items that will be included in the meals.



Check out the May newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.

**SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP 2023** - To find more information about the summer schedule, check out the brochures on the kiosk in the Gathering Area or check out their website at: <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

## OUR SAVIOR'S CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$300 full week -- \$125 half week

**Request forms due in the church office  
NO LATER than May 11<sup>th</sup>**

(Forms available in the church office,  
or on our website – [www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsaalem.org))

Remember that camperships will be given to the campers in worship the weekend of May 20-21 and it is the responsibility of the family to get the checks to camp.



## JUNE DAIRY DAYS

Summer is coming and will kick off with June Dairy Days on **June 2, 3, and 4!** Please save the dates and plan to participate in one or all of the following ways:

1. The **Fun Run** will be held Saturday, June 3.
  - a. **Volunteers** are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 am on Saturday morning.
  - b. **Runners/walkers** are also needed! Online registration is open at <https://www.junedairydays.com/> under Events.
2. The **Food Stand** needs **lots** of folks helping out, so please answer the call to sign up for duties at the Village Park all weekend - we need grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help on all shifts. Signup sheets are available online\* at <https://signup.com/go/cFLXkjg>, as well as at church.



**THANK YOU for being an important part of our fun traditions in June!**

\*In order to indicate you're with our group, please add "OSLC" after your name so we know which folks are coming from our church. (If you are a family signing up for several spots on the same shift but don't have separate emails, you can add a comment with the family member's name.)