

## May 20-21, 2023

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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. 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.

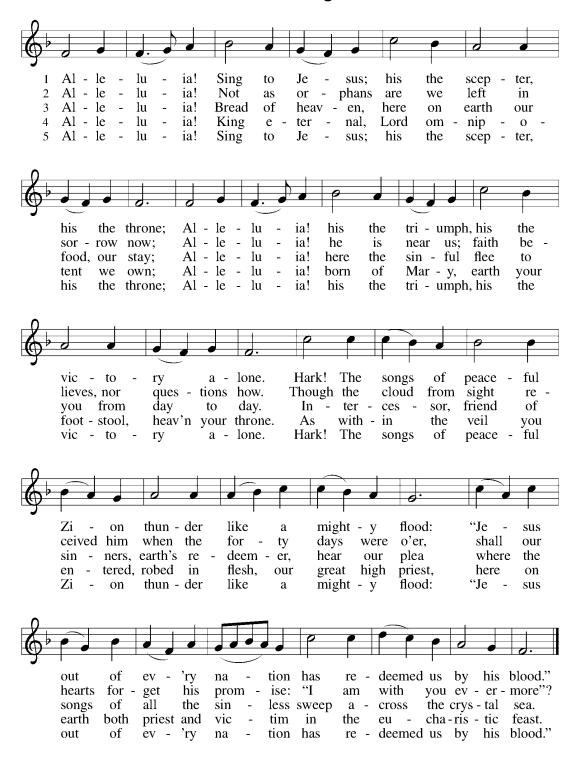
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

#### 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.

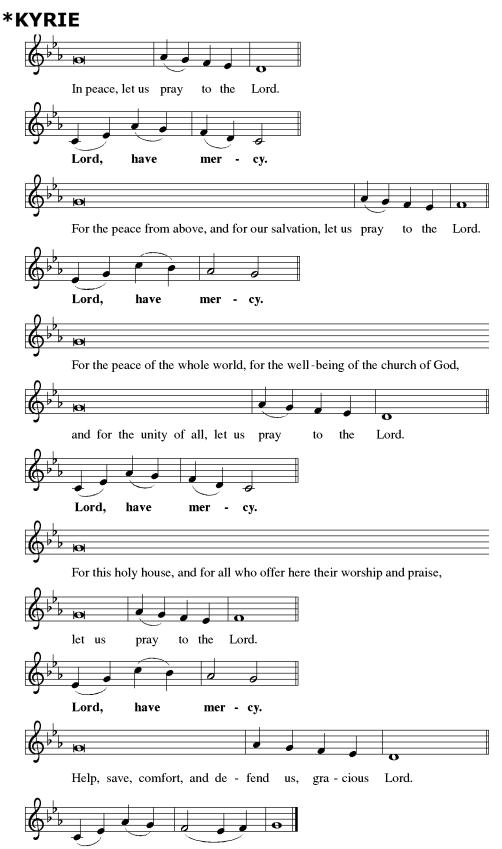
Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**  \*HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

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\***GREETING** page 98 (in front of hymnal) 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.** 



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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### **READING** Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup>When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL John 17:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

#### SERMON



#### **\*NICENE CREED**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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!)

God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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.

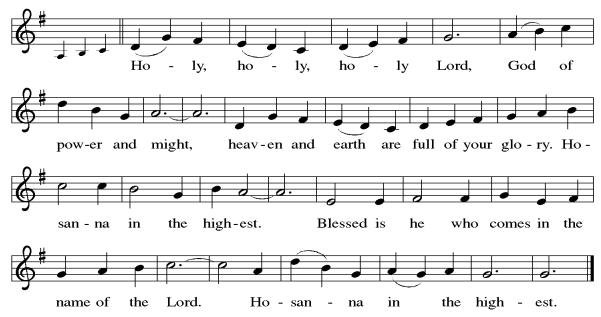
# **\*PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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:



## **\*EUCHARISTIC 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

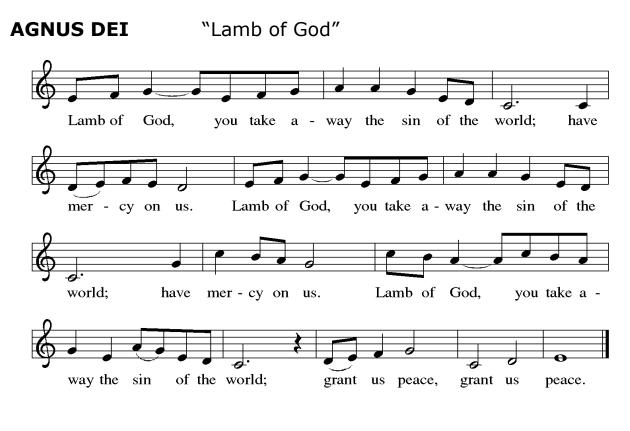
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.



**COMMUNION HYMN** 

"Beautiful Savior " #838

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

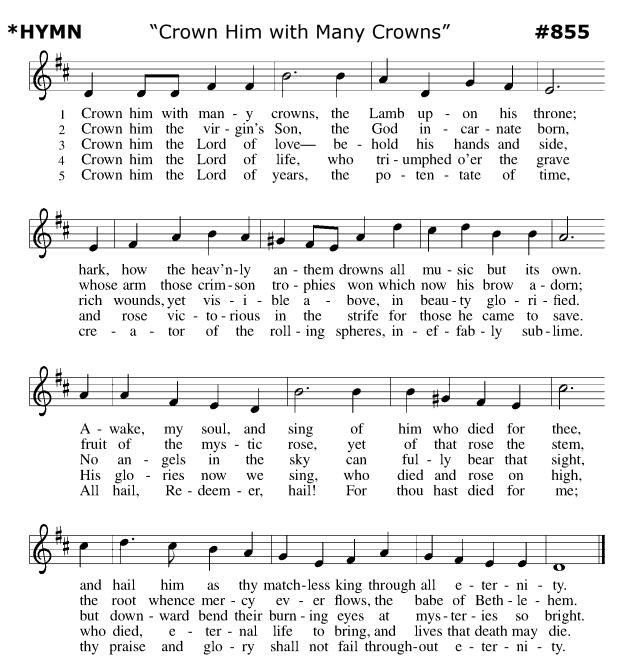
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

#### 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.** 



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

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** are extended to all graduates whether they are to graduate from high school or higher education. We celebrate the gifts God has given to each person, gifts of knowledge, wisdom and skill. May they use those gifts to continually be doing God's work with their hands.

We recognize the following High School Graduates:

Ella Beal Lauren Bell Kendall Burkhamer Eva Clements Alana Donahue Zachary Fitzpatrick Benjamin Fleckenstein Emma Fortier Madeline Giblin Elly Goodenough Jaden Hammes Jacob Helgeson Amalia Hemker Jacob Hickey Kendra Hillyer Ruby Hughes Morgan Kammel Brennan Kennedy Benjamin Larson Tyler Leren Jesse Loging Adrianna Massman Tyler Mathison Anna McConkey Brett McConkey Regan Peterson Morgan Quackenbush Brandon Riley Sophia Peterson Noelle Zarecki

**BAPTISM** – In the waters of baptism, we welcome Louise Lee, daughter of Joseph & Leslie Vike. Louise's sponsors are Chad & Dani Youngberg.

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

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Pastor Jonathan Schmidt, Senior Pastor 612-0217 Email: pastorjon@oursaviorswestsalem.org Pastor Jean Schmidt, Associate Pastor 612-0217 Email: pastorjean@oursaviorswestsalem.org Linda Berg, Organist/Choir Accompanist/Director of Music Email: linda@oursaviorswestsalem.org Laurie Noelke, Handbell Choir Director/Assistant Worship Musician Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**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.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Worship AssistantJulia HanseCommunion AssistantKim ArentzWelcoming TeamKeith & Jan

#### 6 p.m.

Julia Hansen Kim Arentz Keith & Jan Goetzinger

Worship Assistant Communion Assistant Welcoming Team **8 a.m.** Madison Phillips Steve Ahles Karl & Kathy Wehrs

#### 10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Communion Assistant Welcoming Team Home Communion

Ethan Quackenbush Carolyn Karl Sjoquist Family

ome Communion Carol & Scott Thompson

Altar Guild for May Stacey Sjoquist/Tracy Skrentny

#### CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, May 24 6 pm -7 & 8 grade - Elective 6 pm - High School Youth Gathering

**COME AND WORSHIP:** Summer hours begin next week, May 28 - Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 & 10 AM.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Monday, May 22 at the Presbyterian Church West Salem 12:30 – 5:30 pm.

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORSHIP** - The LaCrosse Area Synod will gather on Sunday, June 11 in Riverside Park to worship together as a Synod ... and you are invited!

This year's tangible offering to be collected in advance at congregations will be NEW socks, underwear, and bras. Our local clothing closets appreciated this offering last year and the need is still great this year.

Place your donations in the box in the Gathering Area and our delegates will take the collection down to the Assembly in June.





#### Hungry Jar Offering for May Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships

"A sacred place for you"

Sugar Creek helps young people to be grounded in a Christ-centered, safe, and fun environment. It is a place for them to grow, and reinforces the importance of staying connected in our churches. It is a place where children can see role models in the college-aged staff who love Jesus and can excite them to a life of faith. At Sugar Creek youth are encouraged to make good choices, to share the love, joy and hope that a life of faith brings.

More than once we have heard what a difference Sugar Creek has made in the life of a young person!!

It costs almost \$800 to send a child to camp for a week. Our Savior's is committed to providing Camperships to help with the cost. Your generous contributions will help provide a camping experience for all who want to attend – no one is turned away.

**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: <u>http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/</u>

**CAMPERSHIPS** - will be given to the campers in worship this weekend May 20-21 and it is the responsibility of the family to get the checks to camp.



#### HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLES .... are you one?

Wednesday, May 24 + 6 PM Pizza and a few more goodies!

All high school kids are invited to join Rachel Holthaus in exploring what it means to be a high school student and a disciple of Jesus at the same time. Over pizza and other goodies, we'll chat about life and faith ... where God is calling us to be. You game? Come and join us!

For more information see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean, or connect with Rachel.

Check out the May newsletter (<u>www.oursaviorswestsalem.org</u>) to find out more.



#### FEED OUR CHILDREN SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Preparations are underway for the 2023 Summer Lunch Program. Currently we are looking for donations of Zip Lock baggies (snack and sandwich size), fruit or applesauce cups, and snack items such as goldfish or teddy grahams. Financial contributions are also always welcome – make checks out to Our Savior's, but **note** the gift is for Feed Our Children.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Angie Hemker (hemker.angie@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or check the Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program page on Facebook. There will be a sign-up sheet available soon!

Keep watching for more details and for ways you can support this important ministry.



#### 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:

- a. The **Fun Run** will be held Saturday, June 3.
- Volunteers are needed to help with registration, setup, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 am on Saturday morning.



- c. **Runners/walkers** are also needed! Online registration is open at <u>https://www.junedairydays.com/</u> 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 <a href="https://signup.com/go/cFLXkjg">https://signup.com/go/cFLXkjg</a>, 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.)