

April 27-28, 2024 Affirmation of Baptism

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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, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the 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.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*HYMN "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death!"

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- 1 A wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re lease,
- 3 There is one bod y and one hope, one Spir it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con-quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its to give the Spir - it's one Lord, one faith, and with kind and gen - tle A - wake, a - rise, go length and breadth, its u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace. one bap - tism, one God who made us all. hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave. forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

*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.**

*KYRIE



*THIS IS THE FEAST



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 "Go, Light Your World"

Senior Choir (10:30 a.m.)

READING Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a wilderness road. ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, gueen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside 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 silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL** John 15:1-8

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

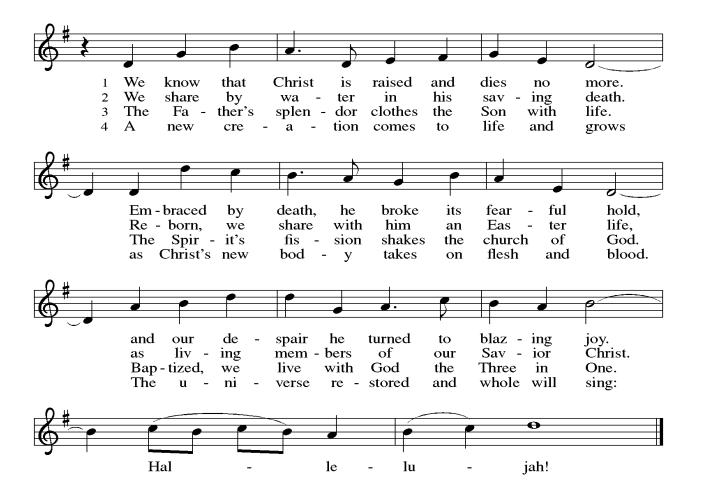
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

*HYMN "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(page 234 in front of the hymnal) (10:30 a.m.)

PRESENTATION

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

Isaac Arentz, William Byom, Deanna Christianson, Arianna Clements, Zander Clements, Candace Drury, Anna Gross, Jesse Jothen, Landon Labus, Leah Langrehr, Mara Mc Naughton, Lily Muellenberg, Mya Peterson, Madison Phillips, and Anya Tenner.

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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

(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.)

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and creeks, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment; for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum; for all who are ill or suffering; and for those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Luella and Bobbi. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation and our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston: for the caring ministries of these faith communities, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, hear our prayer.

P: 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. **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 / AND OFFERING at 10:30



*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

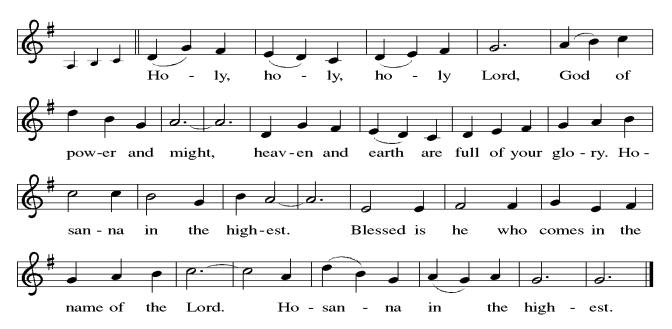
Lift up your hearts.

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.

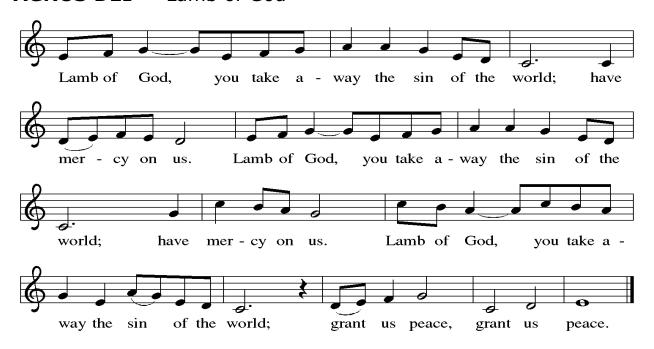
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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"



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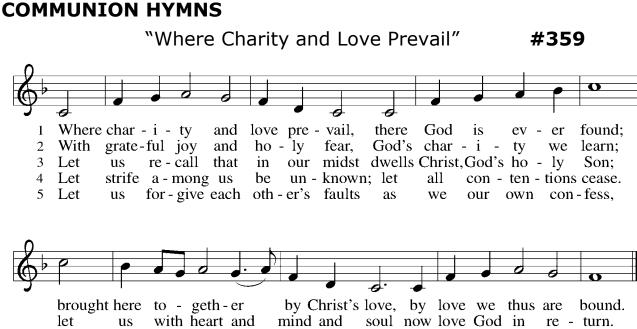
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*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

Amen.

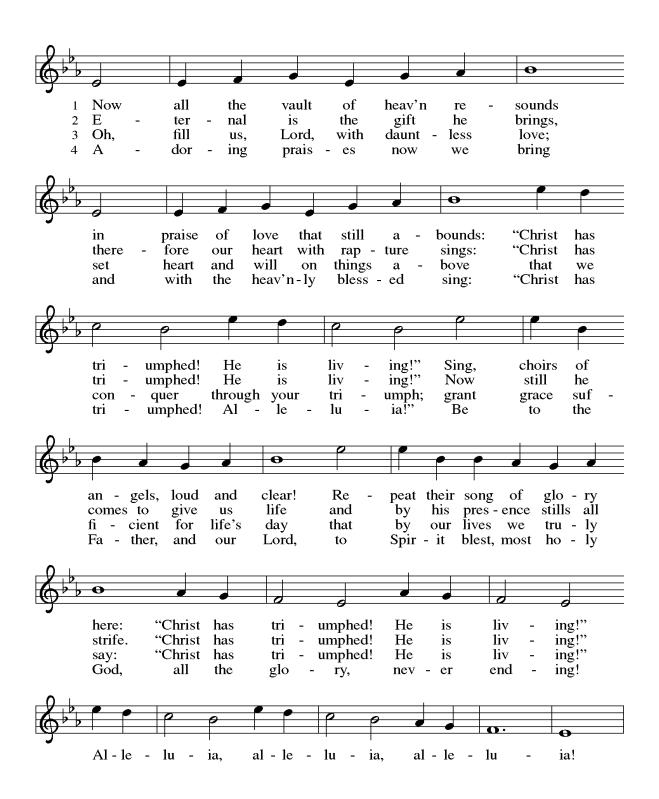
*BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!" #367



*DISMISSAL (Done from the back of the church)

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Luella Pierce and Bobbi Broughton. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

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.

CONFIRMANDS 2024

Isaac Arentz
William Byom
Deanna Christianson
Arianna Clements
Zander Clements
Candace Drury
Anna Gross
Landon Labus
Leah Langrehr
Mara McNaughton
Lily Muellenberg
Mya Peterson
Madison Phillips
Anya Tenner

Jesse Jothen

WORSHIP LEADERS

6 p.m.

Worship Assistant Olivia Sprehn
Reader Ann Sprain
Communion Assistant Jill Iliff

Welcoming Team Dennis & Ann Sprain

8 a.m.

Worship Assistant Ariel Wuensch
Communion Assistant Steve Ahles
Welcoming Team Tlustosch Family

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant Addy Tlustosch

Communion Assistant Wendy Amundson/Dori Jensen

Stacey Sjoquist

Welcoming Team Jeff & Melissa Haldeman

Home Communion Carolyn Karl

Altar Guild for April Stacey Sjoguist/Tracy Skrentny

CONFIRMATION & AFTER SCHOOL CLASS Wednesday, May 1

6 pm - 6 Confirmation Class 6 pm - 7 Confirmation Class

NEW MEMBER CLASS -



Sundays at 9:15 AM May 5-12-19 or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM May 1-8-15

We will meet in the Koinonia Room. Participants will be eligible to join the congregation, but no obligation – most of all, just come and share, learn, and connect! See Pastor Jon for more information!



Beer & Lymns Sunday, April 28 6-7 pm Hunter's Last Chance Bar & Grill (140 Leonard Street S)

Join us for an evening of singing and fellowship! We provide the songbooks, you provide whatever you'd like to eat and drink.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - A reminder that applications for college scholarships are due Monday, May 6.





NEW ORGAN

The new organ, provided by a generous gift, will be installed after worship on Sunday, May 5. During worship that weekend we will give thanks to God for the current organ, and for the music it provided us. A dedication of the new organ will be the weekend of May 25-26.

HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR APRIL - OSLC Sugar Creek Camperships



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.

Our Savior's CAMPERSHIPS available

\$350 full week -- \$150 half week

Request forms due in the church office

NO LATER than May 2nd



CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY - is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

JUNE DAIRY DAYS - 5K RUN/WALK

We are looking for members to help out with the June Dairy Days Fun Run! Are you a runner yourself or are you interested in helping organize the fun run? We're looking for you! Contact Carla Burkhardt (608-617-3262) or Judy Gilbert (608-797-3001), to let us know of your interest. We will appreciate your help!



Save the dates! May 31 and June 1&2 is our community's June Dairy Days celebration! We will need lots of volunteers to help with our commitments to work shifts at the food stand and help with the June Dairy Days Fun Run. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area. Thanks in advance for your help!

LACROSSE AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY -

WE ARE COLLECTING

SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

FOR THE ASSEMBLY OFFERING

TO DISTRIBUT TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES & CLOTHING CLOSETS



This year's tangible offering to be collected in advance at congregations will once again be NEW socks and underwear. Place your donations in the box in the Gathering Area and our voting members will take the collection down to the Assembly on June 9.



Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program

Preparations are underway for the 2024 Summer Lunch Program. Currently we are looking for donations of Zip Lock bags (snack and sandwich size), brown paper lunch sacks, fruit cups or applesauce cups, and granola bars. Items may be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Area. 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 to help make or serve lunches, there will be a signup sheet available soon. Or, contact Angie Hemker (feedourchildrenws@gmail.com).

Check the bulletin each week for updates, as well as the Feed Our Children Facebook page. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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