

# THE SURPRISING WAY TO REMAIN IN JESUS' LOVE



The Sixth Week of Easter
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024



# We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

**About Our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

**Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones:** Assisted-listening loops are in the livestream booth (an usher can guide you there). Noise-cancelling headphones are at the Info Table in the foyer.

Tonight Begins the Sixth Week after Easter, as we near the end of the seven-week celebration of the Resurrection called Eastertide. During this season, we end our services with a blessing used in the Anglican Church in Kenya; in this blessing, we are reminded to send all of our problems and all of our worries to the cross of Christ and to set our hopes on the risen Christ. The blessing reminds us that the power of the cross and the hope of the resurrection are not abstract ideas but true realities that weave throughout our daily life.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRELUDE & WELCOME

You may stand.

# Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly for all we adore Him.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Hear Our Praises**

May our homes be filled with dancing, May our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus, As the people turn and pray.

From the mountain to the valley, Hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, Hear our singing fill the air.

May our light shine in the darkness, As we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth, As the water over the seas.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

#### **GLORIA**



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

**ACTS 10:44-48** 

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 98

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA**

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup> "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. <sup>16</sup> You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Please be seated.



**The Surprising Way to Remain in Jesus' Love** Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

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#### THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

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 worshiped 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 sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and children's worship.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

#### THE OFFERTORY

# Jesus My King

Son of God Carried the cross of redemption. Crown of thorns Placed on the head of perfection.

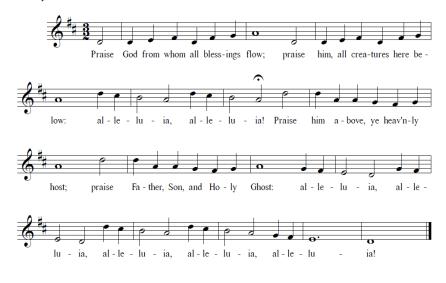
Jesus, gloria. Jesus, my King.

Nail-pierced hands, Scars that remind me of mercy. Arms out wide, Welcoming all who are guilty Into the light of Your glory.

And how great the heart of the Father. How great the mercy of God. How great the price that He paid for love. (Repeat)

Oh, the price that He paid for love.

You may stand.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died Christ

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

> Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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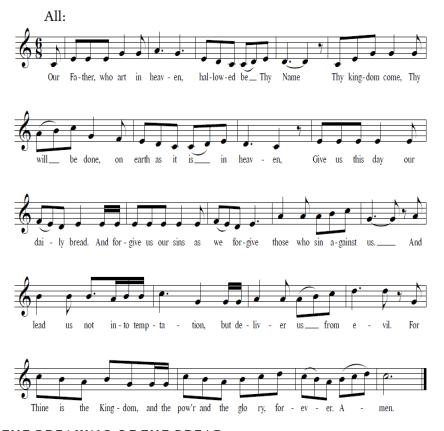
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Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Need prayer? A trained prayer minister sits by the west wall.

# The Kingdom of God



# What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear; May we ever, Lord be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer. Soon, in glory bright unclouded There will be no need for prayer; Rapture, praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there.

# Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, What you require of me: Love my neighbor as myself, And You above all things.

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly With You, God.
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly, With You, God.

It's beauty for ashes, It's mourning to dancing. It's closer and closer, The Kingdom of heaven.

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown. Faith, just like a seed, The only way it grows.

#### We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration. Lift up a shout of praise For the bridegroom will come, The glorious One. And oh, We will look on His face. We'll go to a much better place.

And dance with all your might. Lift up your hands and clap for joy, For the time's drawing near When He will appear. And oh, we will stand by His side. A strong pure, spotless Bride.

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden, The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man. From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation Will join in the song of the Lamb.

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near. The risen King, our Groom, is soon to appear. The wedding feast to come is now near at hand. Lift up your voice, proclaim, the coming Lamb.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and

remain with you always.

You may be seated for announcements.

#### **ZACH BARWELL**



Zach moved from Seattle to Wheaton in the summer of 2020 right before his freshman year of high school. He and his family began attending Church of the Savior that fall where he immediately got connected with a group of D&D playing friends. This year he will be graduating from Clapham Christian Classical School. In the coming year he is planning to attend Vanguard, a gap year program offered through Wheaton College at HoneyRock in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Zach has deferred enrollment at Wheaton for a year and plans to begin his full-time studies there in the fall of 2025.

## JOSIAH HSU



Josiah Hsu graduated from Wheaton College last December, earning his Computer Science degree. He's been working at Investortools since February, and will be moving to New York at the end of May for his job. While he's excited for the big move, he'll miss being around the community that he grew up with.

#### KATHERINE ANNE MILLER



Katherine Anne Miller is graduating from Wheaton North High School. She will be attending College of DuPage in the fall and studying in their Filmmaking program. She looks forward to continuing as part of the Savior community.

### **ANNIKA NORQUIST**



Annika is graduating from Glenbard South High School this Spring. She hopes to study neuroscience to become either a pediatric surgeon or psychiatrist. She will still be at Savior for at least the next year, and is looking forward to creating even more memories with her community here.

#### RECESSIONAL

#### **Celtic Benediction**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Ascension Choir**

Be a Part of Ascension Choir! All singers are invited to join Church of the Savior's Ascension Choir. One rehearsal will be held tonight in the sanctuary directly after the service (6:30-7:00 PM). If you are planning to sing or have any questions please contact John Rakes, Pastor of Music and Worship.

# Summer Worship Starting June 1st

From June 1st through August 17th we will be following our summer format for worship. Children finishing kindergarten and up are invited to join their families for worship. The Nursery will be available for children ages 6 months to 4 years old. Coloring pages will be provided in the foyer.

# Prayer & Picnic in the Park

Join us Sunday, June  $2^{nd}$ , for breakfast in the great outdoors, along with morning prayer. Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, East Shelter, 8:30am. Please note: Location change from Blackwell to Herrick Lake east shelter.

#### **EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES**

April 6- Linda Richardson, "Antidote for Doubt"

April 13 - Bishop Brian Wallace, Psalm 131, "The Story, the Rest and the Hope of God"

April 20 - Kevin Miller, "Following a God I Can't See"

April 27- Karen Miller, "Staying Connected to Christ"

May 4 - Kevin Miller, "The Surprising Way to Remain in Jesus' Love"

#### **FORTHCOMING SERMON SERIES**

Turning Points: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity

May 11 - Kevin Miller, John 15:9-17, The Ascension

May 18 - Kevin Miller, Pentecost

May 25 - Sarah Lindsay, Trinity

A Bible Book in 1 Sermon

June 1 - Kevin Miller, Habakkuk

June 8 - Kevin Miller, Haggai

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

**Youth Group:** Summer schedule coming soon!

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Joy Green: joy@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$343,250 *As of April 20th*Budgeted Giving Goal = \$84,182
Actual Giving = \$79,814.19
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