



***Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Worship Resources - Week of
May 2nd, 2021 - May 8th, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter***

Our Purpose: *Celebrate, cultivate and share
God's love.*

Our Values: *Welcoming, Compassion,
Serving, Respect.*

Announcements

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: We will be offering worship via live-stream on Facebook. On Sunday at 10:30am tune in to <https://www.facebook.com/oursavioursarlington>.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can also watch the livestream on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkurr6FCzoyHjmcDQmHOIqw?>

You can comment, add prayers, and pass the peace, on either Facebook or YouTube if you're logged in. If you'd like to join communion have wine/juice and some form of bread on hand. Also feel free to light a candle as we begin. Even though we are not together in the sanctuary, truly this is communal worship

Our beloved friend and long time member, George Fischer passed away Tuesday, April 20th. Please offer prayers for the Fischer and Crone families and friends during this difficult time. Memorials can be made out to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Congratulations! Jim and Ellen Winter are thrilled to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild. Ellis Willem Husby was born on April 27th weighing 7 lbs 2.5 oz. Brett and Eilidh Husby are the proud parents. Mother and baby are doing well. Jim and Ellen are anxious to see him in person.

Upgrading Sanctuary Technology - we need your help! Anticipating that we will starting in-person worship in the near future, we need to set up the sanctuary for live-streaming the services. It is really wonderful that we have people watching our services from far and wide; in order to keep including them we need to do these upgrades.

For this we are asking two things:

- 1) Please consider giving a special financial gift toward this project. Ideally we would like to raise \$5000. You can contribute to this fund by making a note on the gift, "Sanctuary upgrades".
- 2) Please consider becoming a volunteer to help run the live streams once the system is in place. It's really fun technology to learn! You get to run cameras and screens, and learn things that might be helpful elsewhere. You don't need to have any experience, just a willingness to learn. We'll need a team of people to carry out these responsibilities, and there are no age limitations of who can volunteer!



Our Saviour's Lutheran in Arlington is hosting a totem pole blessing, Monday, May 3rd, from 1-4pm! This new pole, created by the Lummi House of Tears Carvers, which will eventually be delivered to Washington, DC, is embarking on an extensive tour with the goal of gathering the hopes, prayers and support from communities to protect sacred places and the natural world, for generations to come. Timeline of the event: 1pm arrive; 2pm visit with carvers, local music; 3pm blessing ceremony; 4pm departure. (Masks are required and keeping 6' apart.) Come be a part of this unique event!

Announcements Continued

Outreach To The Vulnerable Team: How can we help with those who need shelter, warmth and food? By providing food items such as canned meat, peanut butter, energy bars, or other non-perishable items that take little or no preparation. You can drop off these items at church from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday and I will take them to the Arlington Community Resource Center. For questions or more suggestions on how you can help please call contact the church office. Thank you.

North Snohomish County Outreach (NSCO) Laundry Project: OSLC will be providing "Grab and Go" meals for the Laundry Project on May 11th. Judy Phillips, Liz Moore & Dianne Engelsen are preparing the meals. The Laundry Project continues to support many people in our community. It allows each participant to wash and dry one large load of laundry with out cost. Access to other social services are also available at each location. The North Snohomish County Outreach is thankful for the dedicated OSLC volunteers who participate each month.

We will be now collecting personal Hygiene items to support the Laundry Dinner Project. There will be a bin in the Narthex.

Mission Circle School Kits. We are in need of donations of school supplies to fill 50 backpack school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief for children who are living in poverty:

70-sheet spiral notebook	Blue or black pens (no red or gel)
Pencil sharpeners	16 count boxes of crayons
Rulers	Safety scissors (Blunt)
#2 pencils-unsharpened	

There is a box marked "School Kit Supplies" in the entryway where you can place any items. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to "Our Saviour's Mission Circle" and on the memo line designate "Backpack School Kits." For any questions, please contact the church office at (360) 435-8921.

Mission Circle wishes to offer many thanks to Jim Kjargaard and Bob Zerbel for delivery of our spring shipment of 80 quilts and 144 baby-care kits. These were delivered to Bothell First Lutheran Church where they are collected and stored until transported to the Midwest for future use throughout the world. Again, we thank our generous congregation for all your donations to make this possible.

Quarterly giving statements are available in the entryway. They are arranged in alphabetical order, please review your statement for accuracy. Pick yours up today, as this will save the cost of postage. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

ELCA & NW Synod Events:



Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday! Sunday, May 2nd. On Sunday, May 2 at 11:30am - join Pastor Chelsea Globe of UW Lutherans for a **region-wide education time** to discuss campus ministry, young adult ministry, and how your congregation can get involved!

Join the Zoom Ed Hour here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86802101182?pwd=NTEzNE1zL2pITmwzRUkrc042QktSUT09>

Synod Women's Organization, Spring Retreat (virtual!) CHOOSE JOY with keynote speaker: Stacy Kitahata, Co-Executive Director of Holden Village. Saturday, May 22nd 9am-12noon. [Register HERE!](#) Cost: \$10.00

We are very excited for this opportunity to “get together”
and enjoy some fellowship, learn something new,
make a craft and share scripture
with each other.

Come join us and invite a friend!
Only \$10



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.**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

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, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and 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.” ³⁰So 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

who rules o- | ver the nations. R

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[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.”

Pastor Charis' Message

This Sunday we have the opportunity to worship with all of the Lutheran Campus Ministers of Washington state and Idaho. Worship leaders are Pastor Joel Langholz (WWU), Pastor Arianna Arends (EWU), Deacon Karla Neumann-Smiley (WSU & U of I), and Pastor Chelsea Globe (UW). They, along with students and various music ministers, provide meaningful, creative worship, that also provides a window into what campus ministry is, what it involves, and why it's important.

For two years I was on the board for the Lutheran campus ministry at Western, and wow, is it challenging work! When he came on quarter time as the campus minister, Pastor Joel had an uphill battle as there had been no regular gatherings for several years. However, eventually he saw quite a bit of growth in the ministry when he started hanging out once a week in the central square of the campus, simply offering donuts and coffee to students and staff who walked by. He did this persistently, with some students eventually joining him. Awareness grew, and people came to learn that this student organization wasn't loud or condemning, but instead offered kindness and a listening ear, along with some sugary goodness, and caffeine.

When I was an undergraduate I found the Christian club that I joined was invaluable for my college experience - it gave me community, the chance to grow in my faith, and a means by which to find friends when I didn't want to dive into the party scene. The need for solid Christian ministries that help with students spiritual and emotional developments is ongoing, and I'm super grateful that these ministries continue to function.

If you have the chance to attend the 11:30 zoom led by Pastor Chelsea Globe about how to be involved in/support campus ministry, please do. The link is in the announcements.

Even though the service is pre-recorded, I plan to attend online worship on Sunday! One of the questions I'll ask in the chat is if anyone was involved in a campus ministry, and what that was like. I look forward to "attending" worship - it'll be like sitting in the pews with you, even though I already know what happens next in the video!

Peace,
Pastor Charis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit (*especially with Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria and those we name before you*). With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Concern and Thanks

God of Resurrection you are our source of life and hope. We give thanks for your gifts of love and life; inspire us to be your hands and voice in your world; grant us courage to joyfully share your Good News. **We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.** We hold in prayer those who have contracted the COVID-19 virus, and the families of those who have died. We pray for medical workers, care providers, and first responders. We lift up those who feel anxious and worried.

Adult caregivers caring for loved ones

Anna Boortz - Finished her last radiation treatment and is doing well (Friend of Robin & Steve Barker)

Bob Campbell - has wounds that continue to not heal

Corrine Christie - health challenges

Debbie Wold - prayers to remain cancer free (friend of Robin Barker)

Dennis Heaton - complications from kidney issues, prayers for healing

Diana Breon - health challenges

Faith Breon - prayers for pregnancy (daughter-in-law of Laurie Breon)

Frank Gonzales - prayers for vision in left eye to return, optical retinal vein occlusion

Heather Meyrick - broken ankle (daughter-in-law of Vance & Tammy DeWard)

Jessica Knoepfle - diagnosed with a rare form of sarcoma (cancer) and has started treatment (daughter-in-law of Sharon & Howard Knoepfle)

Laurie Breon - recovering from knee surgery

Leslie Faxon - Intravenous Chemo stopped working and is now taking an oral chemo to maintain current levels (friend of Ruth Gonzales)

Margaret Larson - health challenges

Patti Vincent - liver cancer, tumors are shrinking, continued prayers please (Liz & Steve Moore son's mother-in-law)

Paul Brower - stage IV pancreatic cancer, which has gone to his liver, spine and possibly his ribs (friend of Beth Husted)

Toddler Eli - battling terminal illness, waiting to start a medical trial for Alexander's disease (grandmother is friend of Ruth Gonzales)

Virgina Muniz - is in the healing process and learning a new lifestyle (friend of Amy Williams)

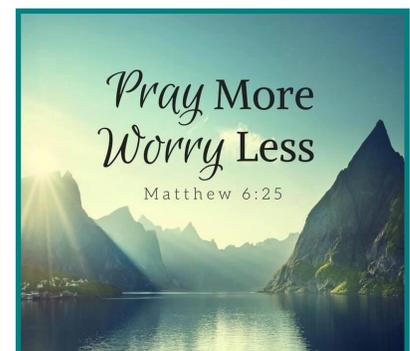
Josephine Caring Community - Asking for prayers for Josephine's future, mission & vision, residents, children, caregivers, and staff. Josephine's mission to continue as a caregiver of community for all ages. Josephine's vision to be the community of choice where no one is left uncared for. Josephine's values are rooted in God's love. Please ask God to continue to watch over and bless this mission and ministry.

Those serving in uniform.

Condolences to the Family & Friends of:

George Fischer

Shari Fisher (sister of Wayne Erickson)





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Ministers: All the baptized. We live out our ministry in our daily lives and in the Church.

**Our Saviour's
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**Monday-Thursday
9:00am - 2:30pm**

**Friday
by appointment**

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This Week at Our Saviour's May 3rd - May 9th		
Monday		
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Saturday		
Sunday	10:30am	Worship via Live-Stream on Facebook & YouTube