

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Pastor Joe Johnson**

Office: 636-5701; Hours 9am-3pm, M-Fri.  
Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

(10:30 Joyful Noise)

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.*

**THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL**     *Gregg Webster*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P**     In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**     **Amen**

**P**     God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C**     **Amen**

**P**     Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P**     Most merciful God,

**C**     **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P**     God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C**     **Amen**

## **OPENING SONG**    *Here I Am to Worship*

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.*

*(Refrain) Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. (Refrain)*

*And I'll never know how much it cost; To see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost; To see my sin upon that cross. (Refrain)*

## **GREETING**

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

**C**     **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P**     Let us pray.

**C**     **Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen.**

## **READING: Acts 9:1-19**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 16:15**

<sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC PRESENTATION**

### **SONG OF THE DAY** 10,000 Reasons

*Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.*

*1) The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)*

*2) You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus 2X)*

*3) And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus 2X)*

*Worship Your holy name.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **OFFERING**    *Hold Us Together*

*It don't have a job, It don't pay your bills  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life, In five easy steps  
Ain't the law of the land or the government  
But it's all you need*

***Love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world will know that we're not alone***

*It's waiting for you, Knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth, When your heart hits the floor  
And you're on your knees (Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

*This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright*

### **OFFERTORY**

*Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness, is what I need.  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.  
So take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.  
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, Oh Lord*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**    *ELW p. 154*

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

## **THREE BELLS**

### **SENDING SONG**    *You Never Let Go*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death; Your perfect love is casting out fear; And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life I won't turn back I know You are near*

*Chorus: And I will fear no evil for my God is with me; And if my God is with me whom then shall I fear; Whom then shall I fear*

*Oh no You never let go; Through the calm and through the storm; Oh no You never let go; In ev'ry high and ev'ry low; Oh no You never let go; Lord You never let go of me*

*And I can see a light that is coming; For the heart that holds on; A glorious light beyond all compare; And there will be an end to these troubles; But until that day comes; We'll live to know You here on the earth (Chorus)*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P**     Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*ALTAR FLOWERS* are given in celebration of the marriage of Ashley Doeden and Nathan Brunken, April 16, 2016.

## *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

### **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today:

### **God's Healing Presence for...**

Bonnie Spicer   Corrine Kunze   Lynn Larson   Becky Foss  
Kari Ferguson   Pam Koering   Pat Woods   Richard Prestegord  
Harvey Evenson   Carl Anderson   Ole Olson   Audrey Waters   Tim Miller  
Arnie Gilbertson   Michael Ludwig   Ruth McSparron   Calvin Blauert (great nephew  
of Vicki Dahlstrom)   Mary Christianson   Tiffany Olsen (sister to Erin Thompson)  
(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe.)

**Safety for those serving in the Military...** especially those serving in combat areas:

**Our Sympathy to...** Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

**ORGANIST:** Karen Alfson   **LECTOR:** (8:30) Rita Fandrich

**GREETER:** (8:30) Lorna Nysveen   **USHERS:** (8:30) Jimmie Olson  
(10:30) Steve Aanderud

**ATTENDANCE:** April 10, 2016: 8:30am – 107; 10:30am – 120

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** April 10, 2016: \$5,015.19; April to date: \$11,471.44; 2016  
Income through March 31: \$69,058.53; Expenses through March 31: \$66,234.49.

**ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES** are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

**PASTOR JOE'S CELL PHONE:** 701-430-3787

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

**SOAP!**

*No one likes to be dirty. Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay and helps people present themselves with dignity. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success. LWR (Lutheran World Relief) accepts new bars of any brand soap in their original wrapping. All bar sizes are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are highly preferred.*

There is a need for bars of soap for LWR. WELCA attendees donate bars of soap throughout the year. They are asking for the rest of the congregation to participate by donating bars of soap. A basket is in the narthex (area at the top of the stairs entering the church sanctuary) to receive your donations. Soap donations need to be here by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

WELCA members are currently purchasing items for various kits for LWR. This is funded by donations made by the women of our church. **THANK YOU** to those who participated!

**MAYVILLE SPRING CLUSTER GATHERING:** Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Highland Lutheran Church (Rural Cummings, ND); Directions: From Hwy 81 turn East on Cty Rd 17, 3 mi then turn North 1 1/2 mi.

**8:30-9:15 AM—REGISTRATION, BRUNCH, FELLOWSHIP**

**9:15 AM—EVENT to begin**

**COST: \$7**

**Guest Speakers:** Pastor Rachael Puttbrese and Joy McSparron (Prison ministry with a group called KOGUDUS)

## GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Book Group

**Monday, April 18 at 7pm:** "Final Gifts: Understanding the special awareness, needs, and communications of the dying" by Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley

We will be meeting in the church lounge on the second floor of our church. The books are on the table in the church entry area. Please join us even if you did not read the book - it will be a great discussion. If you have questions, please contact the church office or Terry Lee (430-0987).

**SANFORD HMC AUX SPRING LUNCHEON** is Wednesday, April 20 in the Assisted Living Dining Room from 11am to 1pm. Full meal deal for only \$7. Also a Bake Sale, Raffle, and Cookbooks for sale.

## This Week in Youth Ministry!

- Today! Sign-up for Sr. High Summer Trip! Hope for the Homeless! July 12-16.
- Wed, April 20 Confirmation/Youth Group year-end 6:-9:30 Waterslides
- Sun, May 8 is Mother's Day! Sunday School Singing in church at 10:30
- Sun, May 22 is Senior Recognition Sunday
- Wed, May 25 Baccalaureate at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, April 17**

- 8:30am Worship Service
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday school
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship

### **Monday, April 18**

- 9:00am Steeple Talk news due!
- 9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
- 6:00pm Bell Choir practice
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts meet
- 7:00pm GIFT Book Group

### **Tuesday, April 19**

- 7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Subway)
- 5:00pm GS Brownies meet
- 6:30pm Girl Scouts meet

### **Wednesday, April 20**

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Subway)
- 6:00pm Waterslides Youth trip (7-12 gr)

### **Thursday, April 21**

- 2:00pm Nursing Home Worship Service

### **Saturday, April 23**

- 8:30am Mayville Spring Cluster Gathering  
—Highland Lutheran Church, Cummings

### **Sunday, April 24**

- 8:30am Worship Service
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday school
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship