

Prayer After Communion

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

Dismissal

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Helping with Worship Today

Preacher / Worship Leader

Pr. Loren Mellum
Pr. Jerry R. Protector

Ushers

Team 1

Music

Cheryl Zeh

Communion

Naomi Paasch, Jeanne Rodriguez,
Pauline Smith, Connie Jarrett, Ginny
Carlson

Greeters

Margaret Fick, Carol Kuehl,
Wayne & Sandy Meyer

Sound

Peggy Goodman

Reader

Pauline Smith

Finances 2017

	Income Received	Monthly Income Needed	Difference (Shortage)
January 2017	\$18,906	\$26,250	(\$7,344)
February 2017	\$20,922	\$26,250	(\$5,328)
March 2017	\$21,293	\$26,250	(\$4,957)
April 2017	\$27,410	\$26,250	\$1,160
May 2017	\$14,242	\$26,250	(\$12,008)
Total 2017 YTD	\$102,773	\$131,250	(\$28,477)

Line of Credit Balance: \$45,000 (maximum amount)

Weekly offering: \$8,526

Matching Fund Giving: \$6,380

Telephone Fund: \$ 560

April 2017 ended the month \$1,160 over budget. \$12,008 is needed to meet the May budget. \$28,477 is needed to meet the YTD budget. **PLEASE NOTE THE LINE OF CREDIT LOAN BALANCE is at maximum amount of \$45,000. Please consider increasing your giving to help with the deficit and the line of credit.** Please make your checks payable to OSLC. Thank you for your many generous gifts to the mission we share.

Sympathy & Prayers

Our sympathy and prayers to Robert Dahlquist and family on the death of Ruth Dahlquist on May 14, 2017. Her funeral was Friday, May 19, 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior's.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Grace Anderson who died May 14., 2017 Her funeral was Saturday, May 20, 11:30 a.m., at Wright Funeral Home.

70th Anniversary Matching Gift

In honor of the 70th anniversary year of our church a \$35,000 matching gift has been given. The Council invites you to join the effort to match this gift dollar for dollar. It is our goal to match this amount by the 70th anniversary of the congregation on October 26, 2017. The funds will be used to strengthen the ministry of Our Savior's and to accomplish special projects in this anniversary year. If you participate, please simply write "Matching Gift" in the memo line of your check.

Sunday Summer Worship Times Begin Today

We have begun our Sunday Summer Worship schedule today. The Sunday worship time will be 9:30 a.m. Please note there will be only ONE worship service on Sunday. Wednesday evening worship service remains at 6:30 p.m. each week.

Summer Women's Choir

We will be starting Summer Women's Choir in June. Sign up in the church office if you are interested in participating. We are tentatively planning to rehearse on Sunday, June 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Plans are to sing on Sundays June 18 and 25, July 9 and 23, and August 6 and 14. All are welcome to join!



May 21, 2017

9:30 a.m.

6th Sunday after Easter

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Please fill out the red Welcome Books in the pews

Gathering Song

Come, All You People

ELW #819

Greeting

L: 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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW #744

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth, in your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Psalm 66:8-20 (responsively) Bible, Old Testament, pg. 528-529

L: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

C: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

L: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

L: those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

C: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

L: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

L: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22 Bible, New Testament, pg. 234

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW #752
Sing 2x

Gospel Lesson

L: *The Gospel lesson is written in the 14th chapter of John, verses 15-21*
Bible, New Testament pg. 109

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Loren Mellum

Song of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me ELW #798

Senior Recognition

Apostle's Creed

C: 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 of the Community

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Meal

Offering

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW #583

Offering Response

We Are an Offering ELW #692

Offering Prayer

L: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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Front of the hymnal

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Distribution of Communion

Wherever you are on the journey, this sacrament is God's gift to you. Holy Communion is a gift of grace to the baptized community. If your child receives communion, please help them or remind them to hold their hand open, palm up to receive the bread. The gluten-free and non-fermented Sacraments are available in the center of the communion trays. Also, please fill out a communion card and hand it to an usher. All members of a family who commune may list their names on a single card (*legibly, please*). Please tell an usher if you wish to have communion brought to you in the pew. All guests and visitors are welcome to receive the gift of grace.

Communion Songs

Come to the Table ELW #481

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund is running low on funds. This outreach ministry is **not** funded through the General Fund, but is made available because of the kindness and generosity of our members. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Spring Cleaning

During the months of April and May, we will be doing some spring cleaning inside and outside our church building. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to choose a job or jobs from the table in the back of the sanctuary. It's up to you to come at a time that is convenient for you to complete the task. You may bring your own cleaning supplies and tools, or let us know what you need. Contact Cheryl with any questions: volunteers@oursaviorsmoorhead.org or 218/790-1763. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Vacation Bible School Date Change — Please Note

Summer is coming quickly, and that means it is almost Vacation Bible School time! Due to low registration, we have decided to hold the younger ages class on the same days as the older grades. **On June 5-7, ages 3-Kindergarten (completed in 2017) are invited to come to Our Savior's from 6-7 pm for VBS. On the same days, June 5-7, from 6-7:30 pm, kids in grades 1-5 will have VBS.** Grade 6 is invited to be helpers for VBS. At the Our Savior's VBS Campout, we will "Get S'MORE of Jesus," and study the key verse, John 8:12: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Join us as we trek through our outdoor adventure! On Wednesday, June 7, all VBS kids will sing in worship at 6:30 p.m. Registration deadline is TODAY. Be sure and register so you can get your t-shirt! Cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family. Registration forms are available in the church office.

A New Wednesday Summer Event for Children

We are excited to announce that this summer, beginning on June 7, during our Wednesday, 6:30 pm, worship services, Andrea Keene will be running children's time in the youth room. Kids, ages 3-grade 4, are invited to leave with Andrea right before the sermon. They will spend 20-25 minutes doing a short Bible study, craft project, or game, and snack. There will be a variety of different activities for the kids to share in! This is a wonderful opportunity for the young people in our congregation to continue in their faith journey throughout the summer months when Sunday School is on break. No registration required for Children's Time- just show up to worship and watch your child flourish in their faith!

Summer's Night Out Co-Coordinators

Every August, for several years, Our Savior's has hosted a Summer's Night Out picnic in Hansmann Park. It is an outreach event for all to gather for an evening of friendship, fun, and fellowship. Our congregation is generous at volunteering and pitching in to host this evening. This summer we are in need of Co-Coordinators to help with the event. Please contact Sandy in the church office or Pastor Loren if you would like to serve in this way.

Melberg Book Event

Melberg's Christian Book & Gift in Moorhead is hosting a book launch event for two authors with local connections on Tuesday, May 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dr. Susan Vitalis will be releasing and signing her new book, *Still Listening: How to Hear God's Direction at Life's Crossroads*, and Rollie Johnson, lay pastor at First Lutheran Church in Fargo, will be signing copies of his book, *Paying Attention: Finding God in the Ordinary*. Join these two local authors for a book launch party and refreshments at Melberg's Bookstore and Gift, 16 4th St. N., Moorhead on Tuesday, May 30. Contact: Karl Bakkum at Melberg's for more info 218-233-4971.

Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship will be this Friday, May 19, at 12 noon with a potluck. Due to declining attendance, this will be the last Friday Fellowship meeting for Our Savior's.

Member In Need of Home Items

If you have any wooden chairs, blankets, and an inflatable twin/full bed that you no longer need, please call Cheryl Majer at 218-443-1708. Thank you.



Congratulations to our graduating seniors:

Andrew Clarey	Alex Jensen
Kyle Conant	Austin Johnson
Spencer Fjelstad	Aaron Middlestead
Jack Herzog	Ali Saign
Ben Houseman	Skylar Schulz
Grant Invie	Madelyn Stephenson

The power of prayer

Grace Anderson	John Hoffman	Carol Peddycoart
Jorren Antonson	Frances Hogenson	Brian Pickering
Jenny Bapp	Randy Hogenson	Alex Smith
Christopher Bengtson	Allyne Holz	Brad Swenson
Ruth Dahlquist	Verna Magnusson	Vernon Wang
Wade Digerness	Marlys Mertz	Linda Wallace
Jim Grondahl	Dean Olson	Steve Warner
Ardell Helgeson	Gerald & Phlayne Olson	

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 21

Senior Recognition Sunday

9:30 a.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary**

10:30 a.m. Senior Recognition Reception, Larsen Lounge

10:45 a.m. Service Unit Meeting, West Narthex

Monday, May 22

10:00 a.m. Morning Out, Larsen Lounge

11:00 a.m. Rita Shier Burial

2:00 p.m. Good Samaritan Fund, Larsen Lounge

4:00 p.m. Money Counters

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24

4:00 p.m. Book Club, Larsen Lounge

6:30 p.m. **Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Thursday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Quilters, Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. Prayer Time, Larsen Lounge

Friday, May 26

6:00 p.m. Wedding, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 27

10:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, May 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Larsen Lounge

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday

Church & Office Closed

No Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Morning Out, Larsen Lounge

8:30 a.m. Counters

The AED is located on the rear wall of the sanctuary.