

THIS WEEK AT OUR LORD'S:

Sunday, May 3 - Easter V

Synod Assembly

9am Christian Education
10:30am Worship

Monday, May 4

11:30am-7:30pm Office Hours
10:30am Alanon
10am-1pm Weight Watchers
5pm-8pm Weight Watchers

Tuesday, May 5

8:15am Tuesday Prayer Group
7pm AA (Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 6

9am-4pm Office Hours

Thursday, May 7

4:30pm S.T.O.P.
6:30pm Men's Group

Friday, May 8

9am-4pm Office Hours

Saturday, May 9

9am Regional Food Bank

Sunday, May 10 - Easter VI

9am Christian Education
10:30am Worship



Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Lou Ann Bletsch; and by **Wayne & Karen Karst** in celebration of their granddaughter, Kristen Karst's, birthday.

Flower orders (\$22 per bouquet) may be placed by filling out the form located below the flower chart at the church office. Please leave completed forms in Mike Evans's mailbox.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVICE

This Week

Assisting Minister: Jenny Myers
Cantor: Deborah Gillson
Greeter: Amanda Green
Usher: Larry Eberhardt, Cal Benhardt
Altar Guild: Loree McMahan, Gloria O'Brien
Money Counters: Dick & Gloria O'Brien
Bulletin Editor: Bill Lockard
May Flower Pickup: Susan Maxfield

Next Week

Assisting Minister: Deborah Gillson
Cantor: Dick Morrow
Greeter: Jacob Edingfield
Usher: Larry Eberhardt, Cal Benhardt
Altar Guild: Loree McMahan, Gloria O'Brien
Money Counters: Dick Morrow, John Tassej
Bulletin Editor: Dee Sundholm
May Flower Pickup: Susan Maxfield

Finances

Last Sunday's Receipts:
\$4177

Weekly Needs:
\$3728

ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, June 7
after worship



Our Lord's Lutheran Church News

Check our website for updated news and information: ollc.org

Sunday, May 3, 2015

SILENCE IS GOLDEN. Please be mindful of your noise level when entering the sanctuary as we prepare for worship.

ACTIVITY SHEETS, crayons, and pencils are available for children elementary age and younger from an usher.

PASSING THE PEACE with a gentle handshake would be appreciated by those with arthritis.

LWR HEALTH KIT items may be placed in the green box in the narthex. A full list of items needed is provided at the Information Center.

INFORMATION CENTER, located just outside the sanctuary: *Christ In Our Home devotions; The Parish Life* newsletter; event information; other items of interest.

FLOWER CHART has several open spaces for May. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for any of the open Sundays.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is continuing with "Claimed, Gathered, Sent". Please join us as we study the nature of the church and what it means to be distinctly Lutheran.

MEN'S CLUB will meet Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm in the Library-Conference Room.

FOOD BANK schedule for this month has changed. We will work Saturday, May 9 at 9am.

OKLAHOMA CITY THRIVENT CHAPTER still has some funds available for matching through the Care Abounds in Community Program. In the past we have used matching funds for support of Oaks Indian Mission, Habitat for Humanity, etc. If your committee, group, organization, etc. typically support some community agency and wish to seek matching funds you will need to submit a proposal this week. Please contact Larry Eberhardt or Fred Grosz for information and help.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF is accepting donations to assist those affected by the earthquake in Nepal. Donations may be made by visiting ELCA.org/disaster or through the church by designating it on your check. Remember: 100% of donations go to people in need! (You regular giving supports all administrative costs.)

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, May 16 at 6pm Join us in the conference room. Snacks and soda will be provided. We will be hosting a movie night each month on the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to suggest a movie for the event, please write it on the form located at the Welcome Center.

MEALS OF CARING sign-up sheets are at the information center to provide and deliver a meal to the Collings to help Jim get back on his feet, and the McGrath-Malahys to help them after the birth of Laurel. Thank you for blessing these families.

WORSHIP NOTES

For Guests

Thank you for blessing us with your presence today! It is our prayer that you will encounter God's love in this place! We love to greet our guests and have them sign the guestbook, but we'll never point you out in worship or make you stand up. Please feel free to share as much or as little information as you like. Coffee, doughnuts, and lots of laughter usually happen after worship in the fellowship hall, which is located through the doors next to the coat racks. Please join us for this time also, Check out our web page for more information about who we are, how we live in the power of the trinity, and what we believe. OLLC.org.

Our time together for worship typically lasts at least an hour and fifteen minutes.

Our hearts are just too full of praise to limit ourselves to an hour.

If you have reason to leave a bit before we conclude, we won't judge you.

We are thankful that you joined us for the time that you did, and hope you will return!

About Communion

In the tradition of Jesus eating at the tables of all kinds, with all peoples, we practice Eucharistic hospitality, which means **YOU ARE WELCOME**. In tradition, this is Christ's meal of renewal for those who have been baptized and have received some type of instruction regarding the importance and holiness of being in communion with God. In scripture, Christ invites all to his table. You are welcome at Christ's table, and strongly encouraged to be in conversation with the pastor, and prayer with God, if you have not yet been baptized, or have been baptized but have not received instruction. Communion without baptism is incomplete. Children are welcome when their parents/guardians believe they can understand that this is a special time where they receive God's love. Until this time, children are offered a grape instead.

The simplest way to understand the manner in which we receive communion is to watch the people who go ahead of you. It is easier to see than to read. As the usher guides you, take a glass from the tray, circle up around the altar and kneel or stand as you are able, receive communion, take a moment to pray if you wish, then leave down the side steps behind you and place your cup in the basket at the front row.

If you need grape juice, please indicate this by placing your hand over your glass as the chalice (the fancy cup) approaches.

If the steps are a challenge for you, you may stand at the base of the steps or stay in your place, and the servers are glad to come to you. If you stay in your place, please make sure to catch the attention of the usher.

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Prayer and announcement requests may be made by filling out a green card, found in the pew racks. Please use separate cards for announcements and prayer requests, and limit announcements to events concerning the mission and ministry of the whole congregation and save personal sharing for coffee hour; write legibly. *Please fill out these cards at the beginning of worship. The ushers will pick them up during the hymn of the day.*



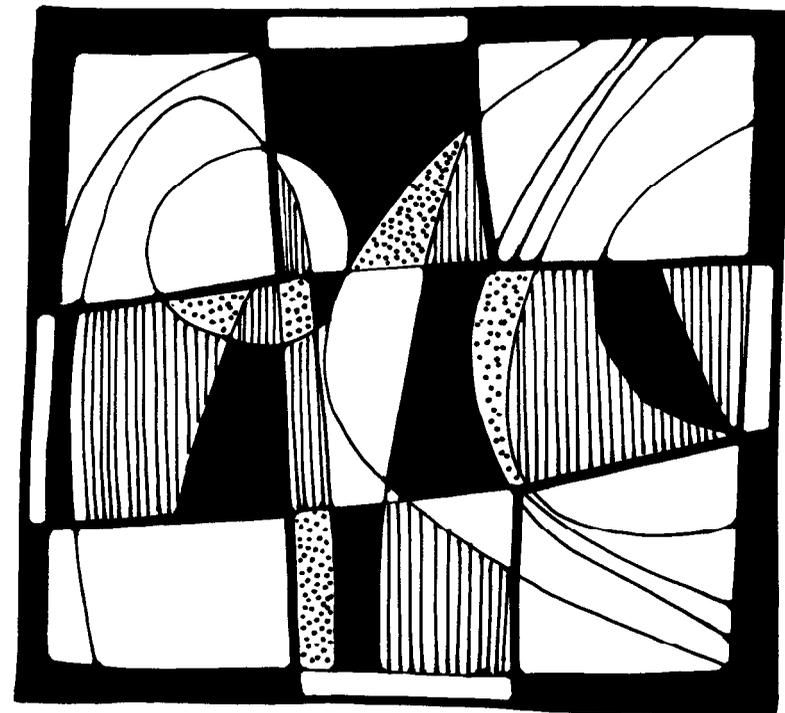
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The Arkansas Oklahoma Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

God's Love in Action
Easter 5 – May 3, 2015

*"And the King will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*
-Matthew 25:40

Jesus was a man of deep compassion. He healed the sick, embraced the outcast, fed the hungry, and confronted the powerful of his day about their failure to care for those in need. He commanded that his followers do the same. We put God's compassionate love in action as we learn about the needs of the world, care for those who are suffering and advocate on behalf the outcasts of our own time.

This year's Synod Assembly worship service is based on the texts for the Assembly's Opening Worship Service, rather than those for Easter 5, and reflects the Assembly theme. Those of us who gather this day in Tulsa appreciate your prayers as we conclude our work, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel and pray that God blesses you richly in mission and ministry as you put God's love in action in your community.

Thank you to everybody who made worship possible this day! We especially thank Luke for working with the AV system, Jenny for her leadership, the choir and music directors for the flexibility, Fred for teaching the adult class, and for everybody who helped to choose the hymns!

A note about the favorite hymns: We could not use all of the favorite hymns which were requested or we would have been singing 29 hymns! We used the ones with the most votes, and we will make sure to include the others in the hymn selection process throughout the year.

BLESSING

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May the glory of Christ shine through you.

May the new life of Christ live in you.

And, may the hope of the resurrection guide you.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

ELW 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

SENDING

Go in peace, put God's love in action!

We will! In Jesus' name! Amen!

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God;
rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God,
draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering

Choral Prelude: Anthem Sung by the choir.

We gather together and we come fully present to worship through the music of the choir.

Let us rise as we are able.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we begin, all make the sign of the cross, the sign with which we are sealed at baptism.
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 660 Lift High the Cross

GREETING

The leader and congregation greet one another in the name of the Holy Trinity to begin worship.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is observed.

God of love, you sent your Son to show us the way of love. Open our eyes to see his face in the face of our neighbors and send us to serve all those in need, in Jesus' name.

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Let us be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:6-12

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us rise as we are able.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set and the choir offers a gift of music. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward as the assembly offers their hearts in song.

Let us rise as we are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

A brief silence is observed.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity,
water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer:

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world -
for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;
for the well-being of creation;
for peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority,
the community;
for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;
for all who suffer in body, mind, spirit;
for the congregation, and for special concerns.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those who recently
have died and those commemorated on the church's calendar.*

Each portion of the prayer ends:

Hear us, O God,
and bring new life.

The prayers conclude with these words:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of
the risen Christ:*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a sign of God's peace with one another using the words:

"Peace be with you."

Let us be seated.

HYMN DURING THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

ELW 787 On Eagle's Wings

HYMNODY RESPONSE

ELW 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Let us be seated.

SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-5

A reading from the Epistle of James.

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us rise as we are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 490 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when

was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us be seated.

SERMON

The Empty Church

Bishop Mike Girlinghouse

Let us rise as we are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 817 You have Come Down to the Lakeshore

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

HYMN

ELW 592 Just As I Am, Without One Plea