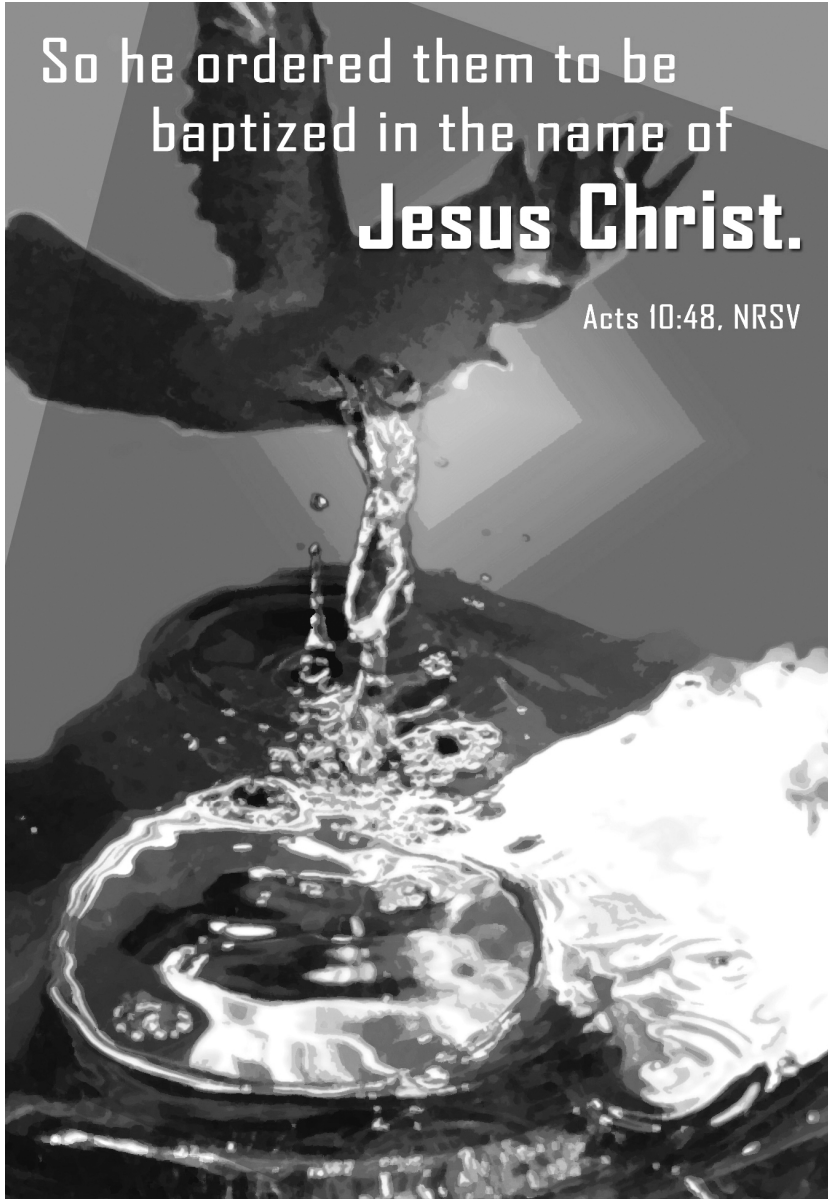


So he ordered them to be  
baptized in the name of  
**Jesus Christ.**

Acts 10:48, NRSV



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church- ELCA  
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*Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.*

**Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota**  
**Pastor David Peterson**

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6th Sunday in Easter

17 May 2009

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**Joan Peterson (OSL)**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand if you are able*

**GATHERING SONG**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**ELW #779**

**GREETING**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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**

**C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

**“Lord I Lift Your Name On High”**

**ELW #857**

**THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**L:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**

**Psalms 98**

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**THE SECOND READING**

**1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but 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, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P The gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**Ron Leverington**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**ELW #671**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

**"What If God Was One of Us?"**

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**OFFERTORY**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

**ELW #184**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Called to a love that exceeds our understanding or desire, let us pray for the church to embody Christ's perfect love in an imperfect world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Called to a love that requires difficult choices and decisions, let us pray for self-discipline and forethought to live within the limits of creation's resources. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Called to a love that yearns for peace and reconciliation, let us pray for tolerance and respect between peoples of different cultures and creeds. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Called to a love that reaches out to the vulnerable and the fearful, let us pray for the very young, the very old, those in distress, and those who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Called to a love that bears fruit in action and service, let us pray for the right use of gifts in this congregation to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to visit the homebound (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Called to a love that transcends time and place, let us give thanks for all the saints who have served the church in faithfulness (*especially*), that at the last we will join with them in the perfect love and joy of heaven. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**ELW #807**

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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**Melo Worship 9:00am**  
**Our Savior's Worship 10:30am**

**Participants for Today's Worship, May 17**

**Acolytes:** Allyson Hebert  
**Ushers:** Peder Larson and Senior Class  
**Lector:** Zack Carlson, Amerae Knoll, Austin Owens  
**Nursery:** Emily Swope  
**Coffee Hosts:** Delores Sedlacek and Pat Williams  
**Melo Custodian:** Mike Gallagher (White)

**Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, May 24**

**Acolytes:** Jon O'Keefe and Julia Goroski  
**Ushers:** John Carlson and Janice Lenhart  
**Lector:** Jeanie Ulferts  
**Nursery:** Emily Swope  
**Coffee Hosts:** Jeanie Ulferts  
**Melo Custodian:** Mike Gallagher (White)

**This week in the Parish**

Monday, May 18- Worship and Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:00pm  
OSL Council Meeting 7:00pm  
Wednesday, May 20- Choir Practice 7:00pm  
New Member Class 7:00pm  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
Next Sunday, May 24- **Holy Communion**  
Melo Worship 9:00am  
OSL Worship 10:30am

**Prayer list**

Those in need: Mitchel Benson,  
LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar,  
Vicki Polchow, Catie Blanchard,  
Cameo Folz, Larry Johnson, Leah  
Hamre, Brittany Dvorak, Joe Yeador,  
Ray Swanson, Marlys Kohlhase,  
Destiny Bolton

**May 3**

Attendance	Offering
132	\$2,544.05

## **No Greater Love**

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Try to imagine for a moment an instance when one might be compelled to set aside concern for his or her life for the sake of another. What are the circumstances? Perhaps in the midst of an accident, the causes of which could be human or natural. Perhaps the situation is that of a rescue or intervention, to protect someone from harm to one's self or from another. In either case, we sense that something is not right. In a perfect world occasions would not arise which summon one to risk one's life for that of another.

As Jesus says these final words to his disciples at the last supper, we know that things are not as they should be. Judas just departed in order to betray Jesus. Peter has made a bold claim to remain with Jesus to the end, a claim he will be unable to fulfill. A heavy mood looms over Jesus and his disciples as he gives them his "last will and testament," the core of which is a simple command: "Love one another."

The air is heavy over the dinner because the air is heavy over the world. Jesus will die for his friends, as well as his enemies, because the world does not know the peace God envisions for it. And the peace Jesus will bring is different from what the world would call peace, which is often little more than pacification or merely truce. The peace Jesus brings will demand his life, a life he will give to all, that the world may know God's boundless grace and love. As disciples, our deepest joy is to share Christ's peace with the world. How can we show this "greater love" to friends, enemies, and strangers alike? What will it cost?

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New this week

**Please sign your name in the pew registration folder and pass it to the person sitting next to you. Please list everyone in your family who is worshipping with us today.**

Blood is a valuable natural resource within each of us. By donating blood we can share our joy in life and God's love with others. Please donate at the Warren Community Blood Drive on May 26 from 11:30am-5:30pm at the Warren American Legion. Please call Betty at 745-4454 to set up an appointment.

Altru's Hospice provides a free, two-day, grief camp for children ages six to 18 who have experienced the death of a family member or a loved one. This year's camp will be June 5-6 at Turtle River State Park. For more information please contact Melissa Godfread at 701-780-5258.

Marshall County Relay for Life will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Marshall County Fairgrounds. The public is invited to join in the ceremonies, walk the road lined with luminary bags and learn more about advancements in cancer detection and treatments. There will be a Community Supper from 5:30-6:30pm with a free-will donation. There will be a reception to honor all Cancer Survivors and Caregivers at 5:30-6:64pm. Any cancer survivor should contact Jean Walker at 745-6712 or Phyllis Nowacki at 745-5365 for more information.

**Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-18<sup>th</sup> and will need many volunteers to help in various ways.** Please contact Leanne at 201-1064 or Shawn at 201-0312 if you are interested.

Pathways needs your help to get camp ready. Pathways workday will be at Lake of the Woods June 6 starting at 9am. Bring work clothes, rags, gloves and rakes. If you have a mower, weed eater, chainsaw & vacuum please bring them. For more info check out [www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com](http://www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com) If interested in going, contact Pastor Dave.

*Thank you to Ron Leverington for leading worship and bringing the message and the senior class for reading the lessons and ushering.*