

## Program for the Week of May 19 – May 26, 2024

### **Sunday:** *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:20 Sunday School  
9:20 Bible Class  
10:00 Sundaes on Sunday  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Voters' Meeting

### **Monday:**

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

### **Tuesday:**

10:00 Staff Meeting  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### **Wednesday:**

2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
5:15 Enough For Now Class

### **Thursday:**

9:00 Private Confession  
9:30 Garden Gropu  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
5:30 Potluck / Bible Study

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

### **Next Sunday:**

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:20 Sunday School  
9:20 Bible Class  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Book Club  
6:30 TSNT

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Lisa's birthday.

**Sunday Matins** is sponsored by Verniel Schuchard in loving memory of Harold.

**"Promised Messengers"** is the title of today's Sunday School lesson. God sends His messengers to go before and prepare the way for the Messiah. Haggai tells Zerubbabel and Joshua that the glory of God will return to the Lord's house one day. Malachi warns that the Lord will refine His people as He prepares them for the coming judgment. The Lord will send His promised Savior, who will bring healing to His people.

**About the Cover:** God brings us salvation out of the overflowing abundance of grace poured out upon us: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is God in three persons – Three in One and One in Three. Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, pours out the Holy Spirit upon us to believe and receive all that our triune God has to give us (see Acts 2:33). In Holy Baptism, God's powerful Word of promise is spoken over us with the pouring of water as the triune name is placed upon us.

**Sundaes on Sunday:** For the final day of Sunday School, parents are invited to join their children in the Fireplace Room this morning at 10:05am for a little treat and time to chat. There is not opening music today, so kids can go straight to their classrooms at 9:20am.

**Voters' Meeting today,** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. Agenda items include an update from the Call Committee, and an update on the Art Project. All Communicant members, age 18 and older, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

**Today is MITE Sunday. Mission Grant Focus #10:** *Set Apart to Serve*, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, \$100,000. *Set Apart to Serve* is an LCMS initiative with the purpose of forming and recruiting full-time church workers. Christ's church continues to need church workers for the building up of the kingdom. Along with your mite offerings to support this LWML mission grant, you can support *Set Apart to Serve* by praying for God to provide church workers, talking to your children about becoming church workers, and thanking God for the people who work in your congregation. To learn more, visit: [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-10](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-10)

**Mission Service** is continuing to collect used clean towels (any size), washcloths, clothing (men's, women's, or children's), shoes and socks. Also blankets and quilts. There are tubs for your donations in the Narthex. Thank you!

**The Garden Group** is meeting each Thursday at 9:00am (weather permitting). If you would like to help keep the front planters and the courtyard looking nice, please join us. Bring your gloves, hoes, and shovels.

**Potluck Dinner & Bible Study:** Join us Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the Fireplace Room to share a potluck meal. At 6:30pm we'll study Scripture together, the story of Esther. Join us! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matheny.

**Sunday Bible Study:** A household consists of people of all ages. Starting in June, Sunday Bible study may look a little different as we are asking people of **all** ages and entire families to be "built together". Join us after the service as we read a different story each week and use this as a wonderful opportunity to discuss the Bible with the younger people of our congregation and your family. We understand that the littlest of children may make it hard for some to participate and so we are still offering a more traditional Sunday School class for the youngest kids. *"For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."* Ephesians 2:18-22

**Thank you to our brothers and sisters in Christ** at OSLC for encouraging us and for praying for our family and Dad while he was convalescing at Pathstone. Although his ability to express appreciation is diminished, we know he really benefited from his time here and was blessed by the ministry in word and sacrament at OSLC. He will be leaving Pathstone on May 31st to return to his home in Miles City, MT. Please continue to pray for him and his spiritual needs there and for our family as we adjust to his absence. With deep appreciation from our Dad, Vernon, and from Mike and Julie Holub and family.

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in May, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-420-8196.

**Student Scholarships Available:** Our Savior Endowment Fund has scholarship money available for students in our congregation who will be attending CCA this fall. Scholarship money is also available for post secondary student members of our congregation who plan to pursue a career in full time church work. Application forms need to be completed and submitted to the church office by July 15, for the upcoming academic school year. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Rob Hobbs, chairperson of the Endowment Board, at 507-340-6313, if you have questions or need more information.

**Prayer Shawl:** If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

**Orphan Grain Train:** We are continuing to collect used clothing, shoes, socks, towels, blankets, sheets and medical supplies until the end of May. Any size clothing and shoes. Thank you!

**Lutheran Witness: MN South Supplement.** The May 2024 edition of the Lutheran Witness is available. It is also available on the district website.

**For You** in the Narthex and/or in the Mission Center. April Lutheran Witness, MN South Insert, Large Print and Spring Quarterly, April Sagacity, the latest issue of Lutheran Layman, Lutheran's for Life and One Voice for Public Policy – Pushed to the Margins (dealing with the rights of parents and their children in today's society), Broadcaster, and Joyful Living.

**Our Savior's Worship Service** is livestreamed on our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org) or from our YouTube channel also named oslcmankato. The weekly Sunday service is broadcast on the local Public Access channel, KTV (Spectrum Cable channel 181) on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Acts 2:1** – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

**Listen to KFUE.ORG**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. All programs are archived at [www.KFUE.org](http://www.KFUE.org) for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week begin studying Ezra on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study Baptism in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (May 25 at 11am).

**“Finishing Strong” S.A.G.E.S. Gathering** was enlightening. Study Psalm 71 for encouragement. Plan now to attend the Gathering in May 2025 on the first Monday and Tuesday. Everyone welcome, main topics especially for older adults. (like 55 plus). My strength comes from the Lord.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Man in the Middle” features two men who are left with a “secret” when one shares that he has terminal cancer. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Steve Schulz, from Mission Central in Mapleton, IA, who will present a message titled “The Spirit of Truth” based on Acts 2:1-21. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**“Walk in Love” 2024 LWML MNS District Convention** in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20-22. Registrations can still be made – forms can be found in the WOM magazine in the Narthex.

**Your District Mission Gifts at Work – Camp Omega:** Throughout each year, Camp Omega provides ministry services to nearly 6,000 adults, youth, and children. Events like family camps, children’s summer camps, men’s and women’s retreats, family reunions, servant events, older adult ministries, high school and volunteer services provide people from all walks of life, backgrounds and geographic locations a chance to learn more about Jesus in a beautiful, outdoor environment. We invite you to pray for Camp Omega that those who lead and serve would be strengthened in the efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus. To support this and other district missions, please go to: [www.mnsdistrict.org/donate](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/donate)

**The 2024 Awards and Recognition Celebration** will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr. High School, Northrop, on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Students will receive awards, scholarship announcements will be made and Seniors will be recognized. [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

**Everyone is invited to a Farewell Open House** for Principal Paul Steinhaus and his family on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. Please join us in wishing them the best as they move back to Wisconsin.

**Concordia Seminary Vocatio:High School:** High schoolers are invited to visit campus! A week long summer retreat that encourages 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to explore the many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$100. Learn more at: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio-high-school>.

**The Sixth Annual Apologetics and Worldview Conference**, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. “Defending the Gospel of God” The Apologetics of Jesus, Paul, and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament Records. The day begins at 10am with Dr. Adam Francisco, LCMS, presenting “Defending the Historical Reliability of the Gospels”.

**Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church!** We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What amazes you about Christ filling you?

**Holy Communion:** The right hand of God is not a confining physical spot! It is, rather, the almighty power of God which fills heaven and earth. The Ascension of our Lord to God's right hand, therefore, means that He now fills and rules all things with His power and majesty, not only as God but also as man. For Him it is not too great a thing to be present with His very body and blood in the Lord's Supper as He promised. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist & Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... Edith Williams  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Mike Holub  
Assistant Usher ..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson  
A/V Tech ..... Matt Brand