

## Program for the Week of May 5 – May 12, 2024

### Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:20 Sunday School  
9:20 Bible Class  
10:30 Worship

### Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

### Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors  
5:15 Board of Education  
5:30 Board of Trustees  
6:00 Board of Elders  
6:30 Board of Deacons  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

4:45 Final Introductory Bells  
5:15 Enough For Now Class

### Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
6:30 Ascension Service @ Good Shepherd

### 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

**“The Rescuing Queen”** is the title for today’s Sunday School lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti’s behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther’s guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king’s officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice.

**About the Cover:** Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father’s love is this: “That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and living one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.

**Ascension Service** on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 2101 Lor Ray Drive, North Mankato.

**Men’s Bible Study** will not meet this week. Join us at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd for our joint Ascension Service.

**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!

**Mission Service** met on April 17th and worked on the following: Gospel bracelets for MOST Ministries, trimming stamps for Wycliffe and ripping and rolling to make cloth bandages for Global Health. A BIG thank you to everyone who came to help. We will meet again on Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

**Calling all youth:** Come enjoy a morning out in nature. We will meet at 7-Mile Park on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am to go hiking and play some outdoor games. Bring the family for a fun event.

**Voters' Meeting** on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. Agenda items include and 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.

**The Courtyard Committee** will be thinning out the hostas. Free hostas will be available by the front planters on a first come, first served basis. Also available will be two Blue False Indigo plants – you dig! Please contact Gretchen to arrange, 507-317-2904.

**The May Our Savior VOICE** was sent to your homes last week. Be sure to save all the information and the calendar for the activities for your family at Church.

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

**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:** There will be two tubs in the Narthex for Orphan Grain Train donations. One for used clean shoes of any size – child to adult. The other for used clean clothing of any size – child to adult. We will be collecting these items during the month of April. Thank you!

**For You** in the Narthex and/or in the Mission Center: April Lutheran Witness, MN South Insert, Large Print and Spring Quarterly, April Sagacity, New Mite Grant Sheet (pick top 8), 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).

**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, Consolidated Communications channel 7), on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm.

**“Walk in Love” 2024 LWML MNS District Convention** in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20-22. This is the last week to give your 8 choices for the new grants to the delegates. Registrations can still be made – forms can be found in the WOM magazine in the Narthex.

**S.A.G.E.S. Gathering “Finishing Strong”**, begins tomorrow, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. The theme is Psalm 71 for Seniors: v 17-18, “Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come”. Featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. The workshops are: “Talking about Jesus without talking about sin”, “Make the most of your doctors visit”, “Embracing Life’s chapters – living well, dying well”, “The lighter side of being Lutheran, our God brings JOY”, “History in Songs”, “Trends in fraud & identity theft” and “For all the world to see”. Banquet and entertainment. Thank you for attending.

**Mission Grant focus #11:** Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job, Ministry in Mission, Haiti, \$85,000 – Ministry in Mission is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti to complete repairs to churches that were damaged by an earthquake in 2021. This grant will allow the Lutheran Church in Haiti to purchase the final items needed so their members can worship in a safe structure. Natural and manmade disasters test the Haitians, but the love of God gives them strength and confidence. To learn more, visit: [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-11](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-11).

**From the Stewardship Committee:** **1 John 5:3** – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

**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 study Daniel 4-8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), and continue studying the book of Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am).

**Piano Recital** by Micah Holten “A Night with the Classics and Romantics”. Mother’s Day – May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Gaylord. Free-will offering to benefit Heather Zellman for Deaconess Internship Tuition.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "How Come a Nice Girl Like You?" features a nurse struggling with what to do after reconnecting with an old boyfriend. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled "Jesus, Your Friend" based on John 15:9-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**Everyone is invited to the "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"** Spring Music Concert presented by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Young musicians in elementary band and high school band and choir will be performing under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation.

**We would like to thank you** for supporting Concordia Classical Academy's 17th annual Dinner Auction. We raised a total of \$87,935.65! Within this total, \$1,110 was raised for a laminator & smartboards, \$1,535 was raised for the music program, and \$26,810 was raised for the CCA Scholarship fund. The remaining proceeds from this auction will be used to help provide the needs of Concordia Classical Academy. We give thanks to God for your support! Please continue to keep Concordia Classical Academy in your prayers.

**Concordia University, Nebraska's Vocal Jazz Ensemble** is traveling to Minnesota for their spring 2024 tour. The 14-voice choir has performed concerts and school assemblies throughout the Midwest and is under the direction Dr. Kurt von Kampen, director of vocal music. See them at 7pm on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church, Winsted. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken.

**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 their 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)

**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 reassurance do you have since Jesus is over everything?

**Holy Communion:** “Not every vow is called a testament, but only a last irrevocable will of one who is about to die, whereby he bequeaths his goods, allotted and assigned to be distributed to whom he will” (Luther). In the Lord's Supper, Christ bequeaths to us His body and His blood and His forgiveness. 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. Dennis O'Neill  
Organist ..... Barb Anderson  
Special Music..... Vocal Choir  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Mike Blomquist  
Assistant Usher.....[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst  
A/V Tech ..... Gene Mensing