

# Victorious

**Selfless Love Marches Victorious over Self-Glorification**



*The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Youth Confirmation  
May 15, 2022*

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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### Welcome

God welcomes you, no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us to worship the risen and living Savior, Jesus. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you this Easter season.

### A Note about The Service

The Bible teaches that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves us simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it's the good news for all people. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. Parts printed in normal font and on top of the pair are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts **printed in bold** are spoken or sung by the congregation.

### For Your Convenience

- **Restrooms** are past the stairs on the sanctuary level or down the stairs and around to the left.
- **Friendship Registers** are at the end of each row. Please help us be a friendly church and fill it out.
- A **live broadcast is available on the TV downstairs**, if the little ones get a little restless during the service. A changing table is by the restrooms.
- **Children's activity bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church. Please return them after the service.
- **Website:** [oslcnd.org](http://oslcnd.org) (also find us on Facebook and YouTube)

## Worship Series:



April 28 & May 1	A Strong Foundation Marches Victorious over Crumbling Worldliness (GPLHS)
May 5 & 8	Fulfilled Works March Victorious over Empty
<b>May 12 &amp; 15</b>	<b>Selfless Love Marches Victorious over Self-Glorification</b>
May 19 & 22	Joy Marches Victorious over Circumstances
May 26 & 29	Power from Heaven Marches Victorious to the Ends of the Earth (Ascension)
June 2 & 5	The Spirit Marches Victorious through the Word (Pentecost)

Three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever.

The disciples argued among themselves about who was "greatest" (Luke 22:24). We are not immune from such hubris. Sinful man is entirely self-focused. It would be very easy for us to think that today is all about our confirmand who studied hard for three years and is not getting the glory that he deserves. We also often try to prove our goodness by comparing ourselves to others. You see this sense of superiority in the way we prioritize life, typically putting our wants ahead of others. Easter ends this focus on self. Right now, we know we have value, not because of the greatness of our actions, but because of the great things Christ did to save us. We also know a resurrection to glory is in our future. Easter helps us avoid the trap of self-glorification and opens our eyes to a more excellent way: selfless love. Christ did not glorify himself, but selflessly did everything for the benefit of others. This week, he promises to be our inexhaustible power supply that we might also put selfless love into practice.

## Serving in Worship

*Rev. Thomas Moldenhauer - pastor of Our Saviour's  
Deb Selland - organist*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



# THE SERVICE

Preservice Music & Pastor's Welcome

Hymn

Welcome Happy Morning | 469

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

2 Corinthians  
5:14, 15

We are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.  
**Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

Let us confess that we have often lived only for ourselves. We repent with complete confidence in the forgiveness of him who lived, died, and rose for us.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**  
**I am sinful by nature**  
**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**  
**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**  
**I have not loved others as I should.**  
**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**  
**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**  
**with his innocent suffering and death.**  
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

1 Corinthians 15:17  
1 Corinthians 15:20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.  
**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

After his resurrection, Christ commanded his church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all nations, promising them that their words were as certain as his. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed!**

## Glory to God

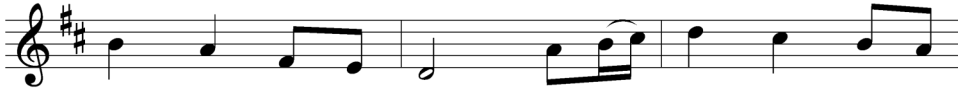
As the angels sang on Christmas night (Luke 2:13-14), we continue to give God all the glory.



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -



well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed - for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

PASTOR SAYS THE PRAYER ON PAGE 3, ENDING "...NOW AND FOREVER."

**Amen.**

BE SEATED

God overcomes  
Peter's self-  
glorification by  
teaching Peter that  
God does not show  
favoritism but  
rather selfless love  
to both Jew and  
Gentile.

## First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup>and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup>Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup>I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup>Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup>“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup>“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup>“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup>He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*We Know that Christ Is Raised* | 683 v 1,2

*If anything is the  
defining mark of  
Christians, it is not  
the spiritual gifts  
that they possess. It  
is the love at work  
as they put those  
gifts into practice.*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor

and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation Hymn *We Know that Christ Is Raised* | 683 v 3

3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Gospel Acclamation takes us back to the ceremony of the ancient church when symbolism prepared worshipers for the words and works of Jesus in the Gospel. "Alleluia," has been a common word for God's people since the Old Testament. It means "praise the Lord."*

*The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same selfless love he has shown us.*

## Gospel

John 13:31–35

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

## Hymn of the Day

*O How Good It Is* | 731

## Sermon

STAND

## Nicene Creed

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

## Thank Offering

## Hymn

Father Welcomes | 684

# CONFIRMATION

*Pastor first speaks to Reagan and, after the confirmation promises, addresses the congregation for prayer:*

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

*During the prayer, when Pastor says, “LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,” the congregation responds, “HEAR OUR PRAYER.”*

*After prayer the confirmation blessing follows.*

### **Reagan Lang**

*Psalm 91:2 – I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”*

*Parents: Lucas and Heather Lang*

*Baptized: 2/17/2008*

*This rite is used when children who have been instructed in the Word desire to confess their faith publicly and affirm that they are prepared to receive the Lord’s Supper. We thank God for continuing to keep his promises to Reagan, for growing him in the Word, and for preparing him for the Sacrament of Jesus’ body and blood.*



# THE SACRAMENT

STAND

## Preface

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*As Jesus gave thanks before the Supper so Pastor offers a prayer of thanks for what Jesus has done for us and the grace he pours out in this Supper still today.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

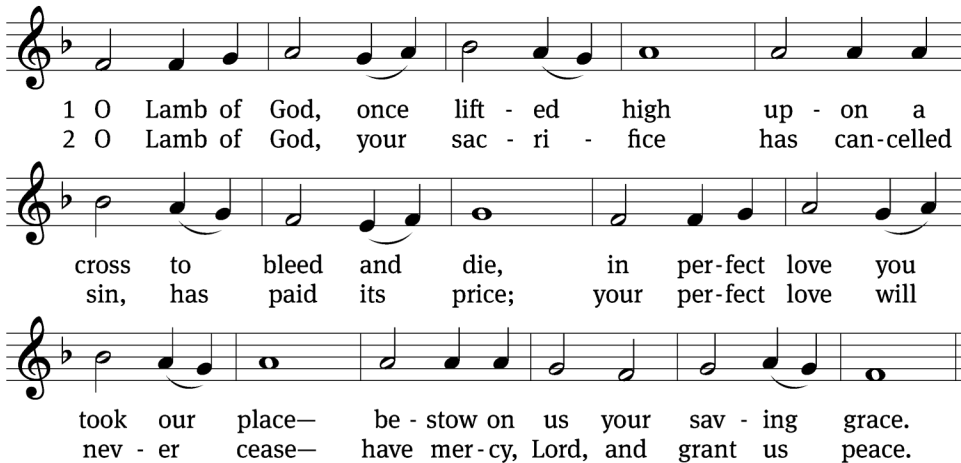
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

*Tune: HAMBURG*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will  
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

BE SEATED

## Distribution

OUR SAVIOUR'S FOLLOWS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S SCRIPTURAL AND HISTORIC PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER (WELS/ELS), PLEASE SPEAK WITH PASTOR BEFORE TAKING PART TODAY. THANK YOU FOR HONORING GOD'S WORD IN THIS MANNER.

MEMBERS WHO ARE TAKING PART MAY COME FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

Pastor speaks these words of Christ to set apart the bread and wine for the Lord's miraculous meal.



God has provided us with the perfect Lamb to be the sacrifice for our sins. This ancient song (based on John 1:29, Isaiah 53:7, and Revelation 5:6) is used in worship because it shows us where our forgiveness, our joy, and our hope is found: only in Christ, God's Lamb.

## Distribution Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | 667

## Distribution Hymn

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | 699

STAND

*Psalm 118:1*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

+ + +

## Confirmation

The word “confirmation” means “strengthening.” It is not a graduation from religious study. For three years our students study Christian doctrine to strengthen them in faith through instruction in the Word of God and to prepare them to receive the Lord’s Supper. There is no finish line for the strengthening of faith. Rather, through regular use of Word and Sacrament, God continues to keep his people strong and growing in faith until he calls his children home to heaven.

After the service, you are invited to greet Reagan at a light reception downstairs.

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## Upcoming Worship

May 19 & 22

Joy Marches Victorious over Circumstances

Conventional wisdom says that joy is a direct result of circumstance. Our disposition is nothing more than a product of the events, conditions, and relationships of which our life consists. Therefore, it would seem that for our disposition to change, our circumstances need to change. But Jesus offers us a joy that is superior. It is not a product of circumstance; it's a product of Easter. Easter proves that God can take what normally causes people to weep and turn it into what causes people to rejoice. Sin, death, and shame went into Jesus' tomb. Forgiveness, life, and glory came out. Our risen Savior gives us a joy that remains constant in the highest of life's highs and the lowest of life's lows. It is a joy that can never be taken from us.

## THIS WEEK

Thurs 5/12      Worship & Examination @  
7pm  
Sun 5/15      **Worship w/LS & Confirmation @  
9am**  
Confirmation Reception @ 10:15  
Wed 5/18      Catechism @ 6:30pm  
Thurs 5/19      **Worship @ 7pm**  
Sun 5/22      **Worship @ 9am**  
Family Breakfast Bible study @  
10:15 am

## BIRTHDAYS

Isabel Moldenhauer—May 12  
Tia Jones—May 12  
Cori Janicki— May 18

## WORSHIP HELPERS

Ushers, A/V desk, Altar Care, Altar Flowers, and Fellowship Snacks are ways to serve for the time we have together in God's house. We want to schedule these helpers for the next few months. Please sign up at the bulletin board or check for the church email.

## FINAL FAMILY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Next Sunday, May 22nd, will be our final Family Breakfast Bible Study for the school year.

## VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SIGN UP

Our Saviour's is once again putting together a sand volleyball team for the Summer. There is more information and sign up sheet on the board in the entryway. Roster is due by May 28th.

## DIVINE CALL RECEIVED

Redeemer in Mandan recently extended Mandy a call to teach in their part-time preschool room for the next year. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates this divine call.

## THURSDAY NIGHTS AT THE PARSONAGE

Last fall, the voters approved an upgrade to the landscaping around the parking lot and parsonage, which included a nice fire pit area. Now, we can all benefit. This summer **beginning June 2 on Thursday nights after worship** (around 8:15), Pastor and Mandy are offering to host a backyard hangout. Throw some meat on the grill. Roast marshmallows. Play some cornhole or some other game. Kids can ride bikes in the parking lot. Bring a chair and a beverage to sit by the fire. Whatever it is, it will be on Thursdays this summer at the parsonage backyard.

## BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Lorraine Maw is turning 90 years old on May 20th. A party is planned for Saturday, the 21st. You are invited to join the celebration here at church.



### **SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Jesus Wins Soccer Camp 2022 registration is now officially open.

Head to [oslcmd.org](http://oslcmd.org) to register.

June 6-9, 10am—noon, kids 4-11

Cottonwood Park, 2800 S 12th St, Bismarck

\$25 (which includes a water bottle and gear)

Feel free to email any questions you may have to [office@oslcmd.org](mailto:office@oslcmd.org).



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### **CALL DAY AT MLC and WLS**

The Lord promises to provide what we need as his people. That includes those who serve in ministry. We are looking forward to another outpouring of gifts to the church this May. Yesterday, on the WELS campus of Martin Luther College, teachers were assigned into classrooms. On May 26th at the WELS campus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 28 men will be assigned to churches.

While there will still be many vacancies remaining after these graduates are placed, we still offer heartfelt thanks to the Lord for willing and capable pastors and teachers who can serve across the country and around the world, spreading the good news of Jesus victory over sin, death, and hell.



## Our Saviour's Mission

Our Saviour's began in 1960 as a mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mandan. We are a family of believers built on the foundation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and building in the Bismarck area with his Word of truth and life.

## Our Saviour's Ministry

**Weekly Worship** – Thursdays @ 7pm, Sundays @ 9am

**Bible Basics** – This course is our path to membership at Our Saviour's or an opportunity for people looking to grow in Biblical teaching. Contact Pastor if interested. If childcare is needed, we can work on helping with that. Everyone is welcome.

Other events and ministries can be found on our website or by following our Facebook page.

## Our Saviour's Church Body



Our Saviour's proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

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