

# LORD & SAVIOR

LIFE AND DEATH



**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

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Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please [click here to fill out our Connect Card](#) and a staff member will be in touch!



### *Join the Team - We're Hiring! Family Ministry Administrator*

Do you have excellent communication and organization skills, a dedication to serve others, and love working both alone and as part of

a team? This position may be right for you! Visit [www.southparkchurch.org/employment-opportunity](http://www.southparkchurch.org/employment-opportunity) to see the job description and apply online.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Sunday Morning Prayer***

*Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall*

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. Visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!***

*Sunday at 9:10 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom*

Join Journey this Sunday as we kick off a three-week Lenten series leading up to Easter. This Sunday Brad Olson and Gretchen Gullo will teach about waiting. Next Sunday, April 3, the topic will be grief.

Join us in person or by zoom at [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103.

## ***Tuesday Praise and Prayer***

*Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m.*

Join your brothers and sisters at South Park Church in worshipping God and seeking first His kingdom in prayer. Each time will be a little different, and all are welcomed to join: seasoned prayer warriors, absolute beginners, and everyone in between. If you are interested in helping to plan Tuesday Praise and Prayer nights, contact Gretchen at [gretchen.gullo@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.gullo@gmail.com).

## ***Easter Egg Hunt***

*Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt 2022! This is an ALL FAMILY event so please invite your friends and family to this fun in the sun event full of surprises and special guests!

## ***Spring Gathering: Caris Baby Shower***

*Tuesday, April 26, 7 - 8:30 p.m.*

Women (and their children) are invited to participate in the Spring Gathering: Caris Baby Shower on Tuesday, April 26! The evening will include the assembly of "baby blessing bags" containing essentials for a newborn baby and the construction of a no-sew fleece blanket/blankets as well as the collection of baby shower gifts that have been purchased by women to be donated to the Caris Baby Boutique (just in time for Mother's Day). Refreshments will be provided. More details to come regarding registration and a list of items that are needed for specific Caris clients and the Caris Baby Boutique.

## ***Thrive Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices***

*Thursdays, May 5-19, 7- 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

The Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices will focus on 3 spiritual practices: confession and self-examination, simplicity, and gratitude. Hope you'll be able to join us! [Register here.](#)

## ***IREF Together***

*Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m., Online*

Next Saturday, the global IREF family will join together to be conduits of hope for the people of southern India. *IREF Together* is an example of what happens when people come together to make a difference. Come and discover what God is doing through IREF! Watch the event live at [irefusa.org/together](http://irefusa.org/together) on April 2 at 10am CST

## ***Safe Families - April Volunteer Trainings***

*1st three Tuesdays of each month, 6 p.m., Online*

- Vision Night and Orientation Training (Required) - April 5, 6-7pm
- Family Friend Training (part 1) Training - April 12, 6 - 8pm
- Host Training (part 2) - April 19, 6 - 8pm

[Registration for all of these can be found here!](#)

## ***NSP 20th Anniversary Fundraiser***

*Saturday, April 30, 6 - 9 p.m.*

You are invited to join Jon & Kassandra at the Chicago Banquet to Celebrate 20 years of ministry & support lives changed for Christ in our public schools through National School Project. The banquet will be held at the Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N Martingale Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Register at [www.nationalschoolproject.com/banquets](http://www.nationalschoolproject.com/banquets).

## CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. at [kristin@southpark-church.org](mailto:kristin@southpark-church.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* Matthew 4:4

As we study Christ's passion, death and resurrection this season pray that His glory will shine brightly through us to a watching and hurting world.

Pray continue to pray for *our Outreach Partners, Ted and Alya*, as they continue to minister to Ukrainian refugees as they cross the border to safety, as they bring loads of aid and relief supplies to the border, and as they visit those they ministered to who are now relocated in Poland. Please pray that God will bless their work and that the comfort and hope they offer will point Ukrainian refugees to Christ.

Please pray for *the people of Ukraine*, those that have fled and those that remain, to experience God's protection and comfort like never before. Pray that many will come to know the unshakable hope found in Christ and His gospel and that this hope will bring courage to those feeling hopeless and afraid. And, finally, pray for peace in Ukraine.

Praise God that *Wanda Mejia* did get results from ongoing testing and has learned she has a rare, yet contained, type of cancer. Please pray for continued wisdom as they conduct a few more tests to determine if any further intervention is needed.

Pray for *South Park Church* as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray that God would begin preparing the hearts of the congregation for whomever He would lead to be the next Senior Pastor.

*Continue to pray for:* Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## Life and Death

*John 8:48 – 59*

Introduction: Believers must be prepared for conflicts over the identity of Christ.

cf. vs. 44, 45, 47

One: The Testimony of the Father vs. 48 – 50

Two: The Testimony of Life vs. 51 – 53

cf. John 11:25 – 27

Three: The Testimony of Abraham vs. 54 – 56

cf. Matthew 16:13 – 17

Four: The Testimony of Jesus vs. 57 – 59

cf. John 14:6, 7, 11

Conclusion: We are to give testimony to the glory of Jesus as given by the Father.



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do people react so strongly to claims that Jesus is God?
2. When have you experienced conflict with others due to your faith in Christ?
3. How does your experience of eternal life motivate you to tell the truth about Jesus?
4. How does the reality of Jesus being God affect your relationship with Him?
5. How might you more effectively demonstrate the glory of Christ in your relationship with others?