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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter,

The Sentinel, from the entry table.

Need hearing assistance or larger print? Please ask an usher.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We offer a playground in the sanctuary and also a reading corner in the Hospitality Center where we offer books, a few toys and more. Kids and parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all our children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation and Parking

Parking. Handicap parking is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley and on Chicago Ave. Please note street parking around the church could be limited to residents during certain hours.

Buses. The D line runs on Chicago Ave. every 10 minutes and stops right at 24th. The 5 bus line still does run on Chicago Ave, but it is about every hour, and does stop at the new bus shelters, along with other intersections. For more information call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn *"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* #389

*Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48 (Spark Bible p. 524)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking,
the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The believers from among the Jewish people who had come with Peter
were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out
even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues
and extolling God. Then Peter said,

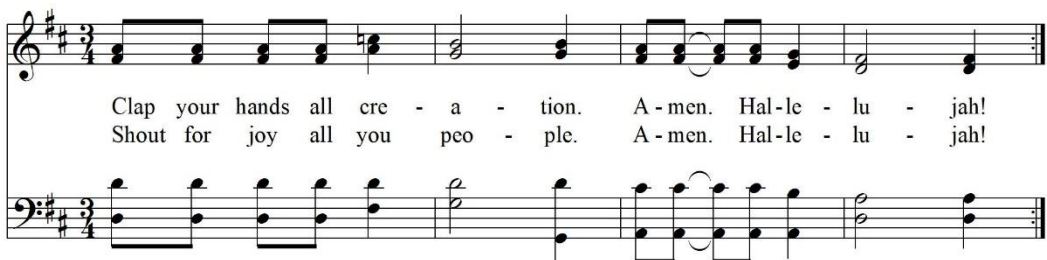
⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people
who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

⁴⁸So Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



Clap your hands all cre - a - tion. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
Shout for joy all you peo - ple. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Music: John L. Bell Words: Iona Community, adapted © 1993 Wild Goose Resource Group, GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments.

³For the love of God is this, that we obey the commandments, which are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Sing twice

#388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second instance of the musical notation is identical to the first, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same key signature and time signature. The melody and bass line are repeated, with the lyrics written below the upper staff.

* The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

***Gospel**

John 15:9-17 (Spark Bible p.452)

Jesus said: ⁹“As Abba God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Abba’s commandments and abide in my Abba’s love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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 Abba. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that Abba God will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

After the children’s sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister to the nursery for children’s church time. Or, they are most welcome to stay in the sanctuary. We will welcome them back during the Peace.

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day**

***Prayers of the People** (*Each petition will conclude with, "God of grace," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*)



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(The people greet each other: “Peace be with you.”)

Gathering our Gifts

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: <http://oursavioursmpls.org>.

*Offertory

“God Extends an Invitation”

#486



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues-tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks-giv-ing and we of - fer all our liv-ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the living God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....

and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus

#191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages,
let us pray with confidence.

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**As part of our unfolding commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are choosing to modify the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into loving relationship with God and neighbor.*

Invitation to Communion

Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section. Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer, hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

"I Received the Living God"

#477

"I Come with Joy"

#482

"Beautiful Savior"

#838

*Blessing

Post Communion Song

"This Lovely Food"

1. This love - ly food, these love - ly peo - ple,
 this love - ly ci - ty, — this love - ly earth.
 There is no space left in our hearts for all our gra - ti - tude.
 It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our life to - geth - er. —
 This wak - ing sky, this an - cient morn - ing, —
 this sim - ple gar - den, — this fra - grant soil.
 The Miss - iss - ip - pi of God's love runs through our stor - ies here. —
 And just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our lives.
 It just keeps spill - ing down the ed - ges of our life to - geth - er. —

Chords: D, Ddim, Em7, A, G, Gm, B9, E7, A7, F#, B, D, G.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Blessing

*Sending Song *“This Lovely Food” – round 2*

This font of stone | is something you could play in.
This floor of maple | begs for a dance.
And when the singing sometimes catches us a certain way
sweet tears come spilling down the edges of our life together.

These wide front doors | are level with the sidewalk.
This wall of windows | welcomes the street.
Then the announcements send us forth to join God’s wider “we”
as Love keeps spilling down the edges of our lives.
It just keeps spilling down the edges of our life together.

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*Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Kelly Sherman-Conroy
Prayers:	Joel Abrahamson
Reader:	Anna Rohde-Schwehn
Accompanist:	Catherine Preus
Cantor:	Mary Preus, Kathleen Olsen
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson

Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

If you're interested in becoming a member of Our Saviour's, please reach out to Pastor Esther. We call this process: Living Questions

Mission of the month is Helping Hands Fund.

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday morning bible study on May 8 is at 10:15am on Zoom.
See scheduled readings and zoom link on the website or weekly update.

Choir rehearses at 7pm on Wednesdays from now until May 15
and sings each Sunday thru May 19 (Pentecost) at the 10:30am worship.

Hope Academy Parking Ramp available on Sunday mornings

On Sunday mornings, between 8am and 2pm, you are welcome to park in the Hope Academy parking ramp located on 24th street between Chicago and Park Avenues. Other days of the week parking is available in the ramp from 7am to 11pm. A code is needed to enter and exit the ramp. You can pick up a card with parking information at church or call the church office: 612-871-2967. On Sundays after 2pm you can use the code to exit the ramp.



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*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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