

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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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. In our reading corner in the Hospitality Center, we offer books, 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 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 access is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley. Sunday morning, you may use the Hope Academy lot (across Chicago Ave). Please note street parking is limited to residents only during certain hours.

Buses. The D line runs every 10 minutes and stops 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 options, please check our website: oursavioursmpls.org, call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Easter Sunday, which also happens to be Mother's Day, we focus on love. Not romantic love, but powerful, enduring friendship love that casts out fear. This love comes from God and when we abide in God we abide in that love. Many thanks and much love to the youth of Our Saviour's who lead us today in word, song, meal and prayer.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

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

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"It's a Beautiful Day"

**Refrain: God I thank you for sunshine. Thank you for rain
Thank you for joy. Thank you for pain
It's a beautiful day. It's a beautiful day**

*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

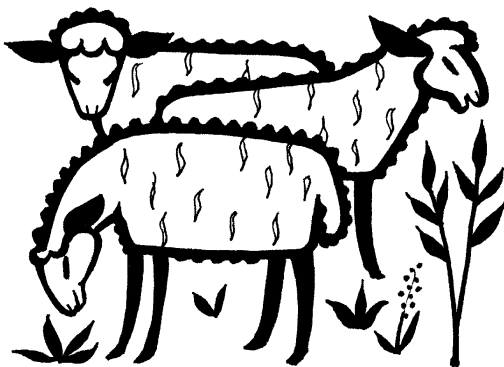
Acts 9:36-43 (*Spark Bible p.520*)

A reading from the book of Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, Peter showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!




*Gospel Acclamation


“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

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Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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*Gospel

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O God.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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 for children's church and be welcomed back during the sharing of the peace. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day **"Faith"**

I can do the impossible, I can see the invisible - because I got faith.

*Prayers of the People

As we pray together we make room for spacious, spoken, and silent prayers to God.

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://oursavioursmpis.org>.



*Offertory and Noisy Offering

When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus

When I think of the good-ness of Je - sus, and
what he has done for me, my soul cries out, "Hal-le -
lu - jah!" Praise God for sav - ing me.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: traditional

Music: WHEN I THINK OF THE GOODNESS, traditional

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Eucharistic Prayer

As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.

*The Prayer of Jesus

**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 commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying 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 a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

Distribution

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me ‘Round”

1. Ain't gonna let nobody (turn me around...)

Refrain: Keep on walking, Keep on talking,
Marching up to freedom land

2. Ain't gonna let racism (turn me around...)
3. Ain't gonna let no hatred (turn me around...)
4. Ain't gonna let discrimination (turn me around...)
5. Ain't gonna let nobody (turn me around...)

“Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”

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1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,
stayed on freedom. (3x)
Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelujah.
2. I was walking and talking with my mind ...
3. I was singing and praying with my mind, (stayed on Jesus) ...
4. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind ...

***Blessing**

Sending

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

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our website

(www.oursavioursmpls.org) and on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/groups/OurSavioursMPLS)

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

If interested in giving to Our Saviour's, use this QR Code to give online



Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Clara Owens
Children's sermon:	Khenna and Khonni !Khabebe
Prayers:	Scottie Osthus
Reader:	Connor Owens
Musicians:	Kent Goodroad & Alyssa Schwitzer & Youth
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Greeting & Dismissal:	Noah Hill
Bulletin Artwork:	Ellis Wangerin
Special Music:	Connor Owens

Hope Academy Parking Ramp Available on Sunday Mornings

On Sunday mornings, between 8am - 2pm, you are welcome to park in Hope Academy parking ramp located on 24th street between Chicago and Park Avenues. Make sure you exit the ramp before 2 pm as the arms will come down at that time. Parking at other times may be available and will be announced for each specific event.

Mission of the month is Helping Hands Fund

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, May 14

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)
7PM Choir

Saturday, May 17

9AM-4PM Quilting (HC)

Sunday, May 18

9AM Adult Forum - Faith Stories with the Rev. Babette Chatman
who is also a guest preacher



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centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent –
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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