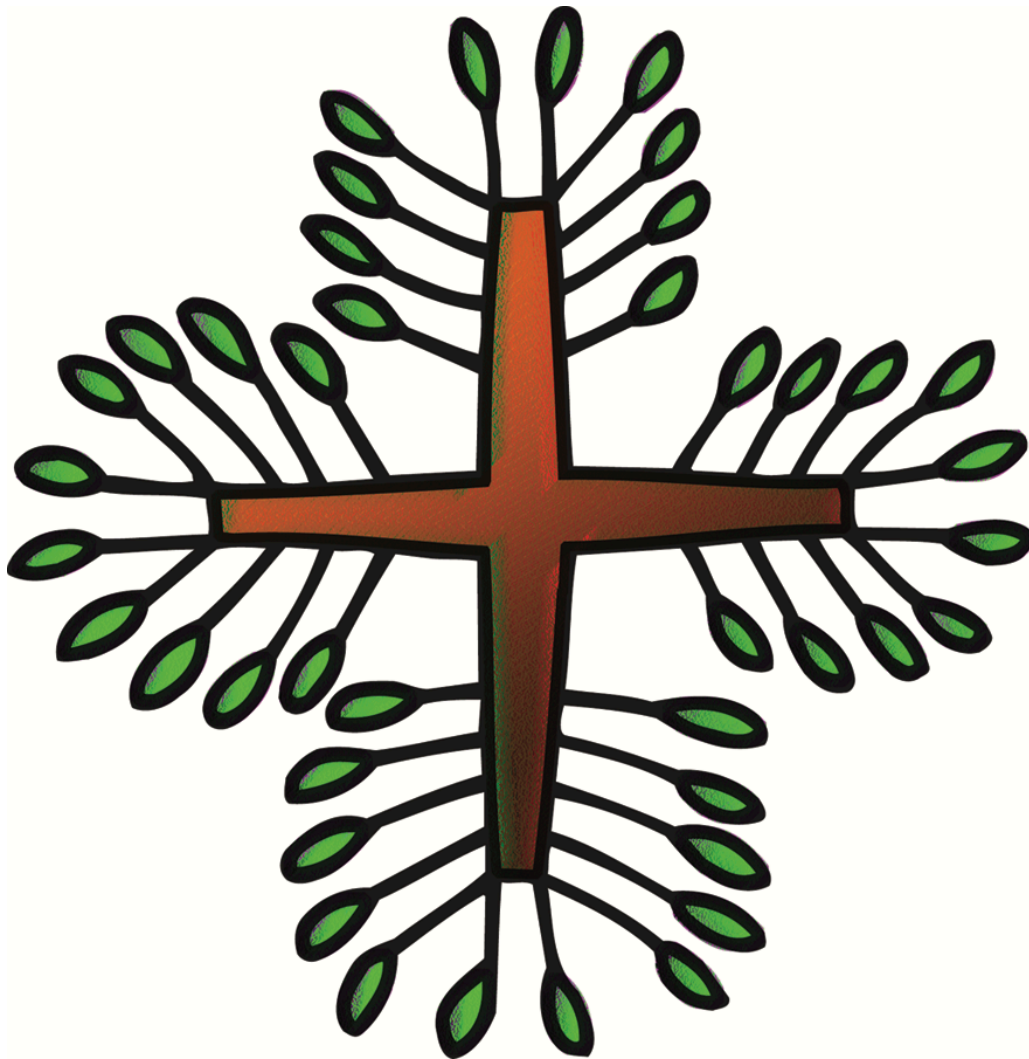


# Second Sunday Of Easter



April 12th, 2026

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. We offer a playground in the Sanctuary with books and coloring supplies for kids to use during the service. There are bags that can be brought to your seats with supplies. We also have a reading corner in the Hospitality Center with books and toys. Kids and their 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** - Parking is available in the parking lot off the alley behind church, on the local streets (follow signs as some parking is only residential or has hour restrictions) and at the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. Parking there other days requires a code. Pick up a card at church with the ramp code. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

**Bus** - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org).

## Mission of the month:

### Lutheran Campus Ministry & ReconcilingWorks

April is a shared month. The organizations will each receive half of donations. If someone would like to donate specifically to one organization, contact the church office.

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is a young adult ministry at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities that centers the unconditional love of God, and is marked by curiosity, integrity, and a commitment to creating belonging for one another and our neighbors.

ReconcilingWorks is a national organization that, since 1974 has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

**Online giving** - If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



# Second Sunday of Easter

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

## Gathering

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

### Gathering Music

*This Easter season, we will feature new songs by Bret Hesla and other songwriters. Praise God, who gives us new songs to sing.*

### Welcome

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

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Here, in the waters of God's mercy, we are promised unbelievable grace, peace beyond our knowing, and a call to live by faith, and so we give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The people sing "Take me to the water..." as cued by the cantor as we give thanks.*

Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.

...the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn

*We have Seen the Lord*

*ELW 869*

\*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 2:14a, 22-32** (Spark Bible p.502)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

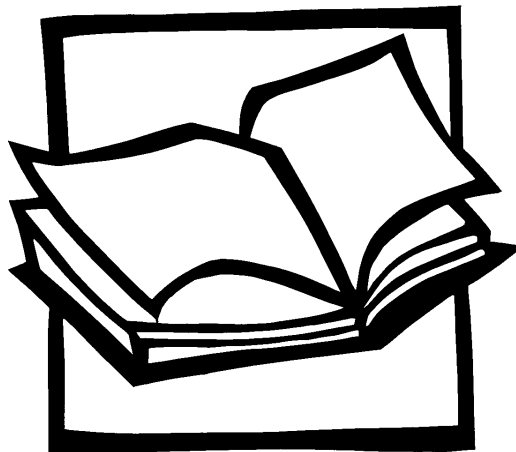
‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that God would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**



## Contemporary Reading

*In Acts, we read about how the Apostle Paul quotes contemporary poets in Athens as he spreads the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Paul says: "For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'" (17:28). This Easter season, we draw on contemporary poems as we open our imaginations to the miracle of new life in Christ.*

### ***Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front***

***Wendell Berry***

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,  
vacation with pay. Want more  
of everything ready-made. Be afraid  
to know your neighbors and to die.  
And you will have a window in your head  
Not even your future will be a mystery  
any more. Your mind will be punched in  
a card  
and shut away in a little drawer.  
When they want you to buy something  
they will call you. When they want you  
to die for profit they will let you know.  
So, friends, every day do something  
that won't compute. Love the Lord.  
Love the world. Work for nothing.  
Take all that you have and be poor.  
Love someone who does not deserve it...  
Ask the questions that have no answers.  
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.

Say that your main crop is the forest  
that you did not plant,  
that you will not live to harvest.  
Say that the leaves are harvested  
when they have rotted into the mold.  
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.  
Put your faith in the two inches of humus  
that will build under the trees  
every thousand years.  
Listen to carrion — put your ear  
close, and hear the faint chattering  
of the songs that are to come.  
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.  
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful  
though you have considered all the facts..  
Be like the fox  
who makes more tracks than necessary,  
some in the wrong direction.  
Practice resurrection.

Words of wisdom, words of witness. **Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

### ***I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me***

***TFF 191***

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me. sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## \*Gospel

**John 20:19-31** (Spark Bible p. 492)

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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**

*There is space for sermon notes on the insert page.*

## \*Hymn of the Day

## Prayer of Good Courage

first time through **L:**  
second time through **C:**

O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the  
end, By paths ne-ver yet tak en, Through per ils un known.  
Give us good cour-age Not know ing where we go, To  
know that your hand is lead-ing us Wher ev er we might go.  
A - - - - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket (L:) and a second ending bracket (C:). The second staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The fifth staff contains three whole notes with lyrics underneath.

## \*Prayers of the People

*All Easter season we will lift up our prayers by sharing with our neighbors. We will taste the sweetness of Christ's resurrection life and trust in God who promises to listen.*

**Blue** - pray for creation

**Purple** - pray for healing for our neighbors and loved ones

**Gold** - pray for food, shelter and the physical needs of our neighbors

**Pink** - pray for places throughout the world where there is suffering

**Silver** - give thanks for the sweet blessings in your life

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## \*Peace

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

## Gathering our Gifts

## OSLC Choir

*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: [oursavioursmpls.org](http://oursavioursmpls.org).*

**\*Offertory**

*Everything That We Have*

*Bret Hesla*

Everything that we have,  
Everything that we are.  
Every moment is a blessing from  
above.

It's endless love that we breathe.  
It's endless love that we receive.  
What has freely come,  
we now let freely go.

**\*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:*

*As cued by the pastor, please join in the eucharistic prayer.*

... We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

... We bless you, O God. **We bless you, O God.**

... We thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

**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

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for wine (dark) or juice (light). Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.*

### *In This Feast of Love*

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

## Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
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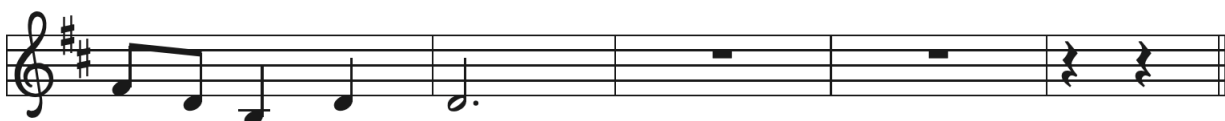
### Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

*We Walk by Faith*

*ELW 635*

\*Blessing

# Sending

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

## God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

## \*Benediction

*This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.*

As you go on your way may Christ go with you  
May Christ go before you to show you the way  
May Christ go behind you to encourage you  
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over  
Within you to give you peace.

## \*Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

## Postlude

*All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.*

# Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell & Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Madeline Lind
Reader:	Sheryll Mennicke
Prayers:	Kim Guessford
Special Music:	OSLC Adult Choir
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Catherine Preus
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

## This week at OSLC:

### Wednesday, April 15

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:30PM Children's Activities

7:30PM Adult Choir

### Friday, April 17

5:30PM- (PM Manna and Mercy Retreat

### Saturday, April 18

8:30AM- 6PM Manna and Mercy Retreat

### Sunday, April 19

9AM Adult Forum: Welcoming Alan Storey

## Interested in Membership at OSLC?

Wonderful! Please reach out to one of the pastors in person or via email to share your interest and questions. This year, we will receive new members later in the Spring. More details coming soon!

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to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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