

Fourth Sunday Of Easter



April 26th, 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.

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:



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Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

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

Listen God Is Calling

ELW 513

*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 2:42-47 (Spark Bible p. 504)

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

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.

Spring Song by Lucille Clifton

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and

the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

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). 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 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear the shepherd’s voice. The shepherd calls their own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When the shepherd has brought out all their own, the shepherd goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow the shepherd because they know the shepherd’s voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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 either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

*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: oursavioursmppls.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.

Songs During Communion

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

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Unmute Yourself

Bret Hesla



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| 1. Un-mute your - self: ___ | Let's lift ev - ery voice. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |
| 2. Un-mute your - self: ___ | Your heart will be free ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |
| 3. Un-mute your - self: ___ | Oh, I'm trying it, too. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |
| 4. Un-mute your - self: ___ | Takes one lit - tle click. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |
| 5. Un-mute your - self: ___ | Feel wild and a - live ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |
| 6. Un-mute your - self: ___ | We're born to be heard. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ |



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| — | Let's lift ev - ery voice. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | Let's lift ev - ery voice. |
| — | Your heart will be free ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | Your heart will be free |
| — | Oh, I'm trying it, too. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | Oh, I'm trying it, too. |
| — | Takes one lit - tle click. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | Takes one lit - tle click. |
| — | Feel wild and a - live ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | Feel wild and a - live |
| — | We're born to be heard. ___ | Un - mute your - self: ___ | We're born to be heard. |



- And we'll sing, sing that trou-ble out from this land.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW 484

*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.

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 in late spring or early summer.

Leading up to new member Sunday, get to know OSLC:

After church on May 3, join a lunch with the pastors, members, and other new folks. We'll get to know each other, share a little about the congregation, and answer your questions about membership.

On May 10, our 9am forum will be all about OSLC ministries. This will be a great time to get to know some of the ministries of the congregation and some of our partners.

We will pair new members with a 'sponsor,' a current member who you'll get to know and who will be part of blessing you on new member Sunday.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Esther Sianipar
Reader:	Dorea Ruggles
Prayers:	Bruce Pederson
Special Music:	OSLC Choir
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	5th & 6th graders
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, April 29

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Activities

6:30PM-7:30PM Adult Choir

Friday, May 1

7AM Men's Breakfast will meet at HCMC
(Hennepin Healthcare Hospital)

Saturday, May 2

9AM-Noon Quilting (HC)

Sunday, May 3

9AM Adult Forum: Neurodivergent in the church, with Craig Simenson

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

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