

Sixth Sunday Of Easter



May 10th, 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: Helping Hands Fund

This fund is used at the discretion of the pastors for folks who come to our doors—whether members or neighbors - with financial needs. We have helped several people with things like rent assistance, bus rides, utilities, food, medical bills, transportation for family emergencies, and income assistance from loss of work. We are not a social service agency, but sometimes people fall through the cracks of our systems, and we are a compassionate place to turn. When we give, the gift of money is accompanied by a listening, compassionate ear; prayer, and invitation to Christian community (as appropriate).

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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As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

God Welcomes All

We begin our worship recognizing that our loving God welcomes all of us just as we are.

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

Thanksgiving for 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 Creator, the Savior, and the Spirit. **Amen. Alleluia!**

*Opening Hymn *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

TFF 166

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,
stayed on Jesus. (3x)

Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelu (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

2. I was walking and talking with my mind ...
3. I was singing and praying with my mind ...
4. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind ...

*=indicates God's children rise in body or spirit

*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 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is God of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is God served by human hands, as though needing anything, since that very God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ “From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are the offspring of God.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because God has fixed a day on which to judge the world in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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.

"For Those Monday Kind of Days (Excerpt)" Dr. Rev. Albert Starr

The Spirit of Lamentation comes,
Like breath, like wind, touching and
telling, teaching our hearts and our
tongues to pray,
Praying often what our minds are still yet
too numb to know.

Spirit of the Great Restorer
Enters the shallow graves hate has
intended and we begin to learn the ways
of Lamentation.

Lamentation frees us to weep,
and we weep the hot, cleansing tears of
anguish. Lamentation turns our crying to
crying out, crying out to the Great One,

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

Creator and Giver of Life,
Shaper of Justice, Maker of Mercy
Lamentation, like a shepherding wind
turning us toward God and we resist
hopelessness, even our sorrow songs
watch for the coming.

We defy the foul stench of misery.
We are bathed in the fragrance of
hope.

And so we rise up
defiant, resisting
yet yielded and yielding to
The Way and ways of the Most High.

***Gospel Acclamation**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 14:15-21(Spark Bible p. 450)

The holy gospel according to John the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O God**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁵ “If you love me and obey the command I give you, ¹⁶ I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. ¹⁸ I won’t leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. ¹⁹ A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you’ll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. ²⁰ On that day you’ll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735

*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.

*Offertory

Everything That We Have

Bret Hesla

Everything that we have,

It's endless love that we breathe.

Everything that we are.

It's endless love that we receive.

Every moment is a blessing from
above.

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.

Taste and See

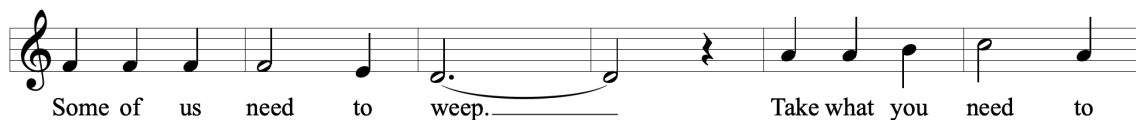
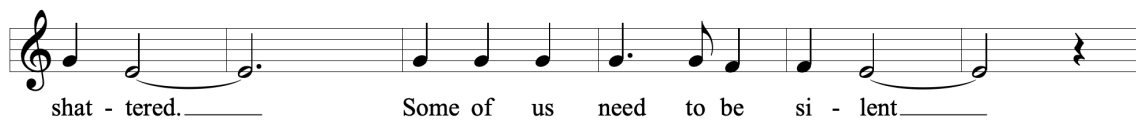
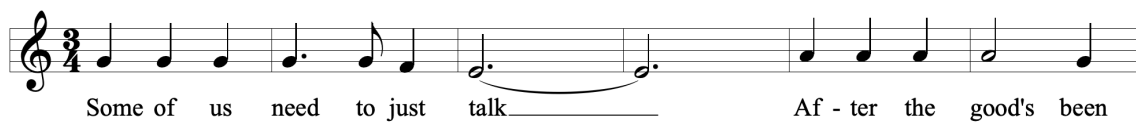
ELW 493

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Take What You Need to Heal

Bret Hesla



*Blessing

Sending

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

***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:

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:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Sam Bardwell
Prayers:	Jonah Sitorus
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, May 13

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

5:30PM Last Community Meal of the Season (HC)

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

6:30PM-7:30PM Adult Choir

Sunday, May 17

9AM Adult Forum: Appreciation Day for Sunday School Teachers and Other
Volunteers

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

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