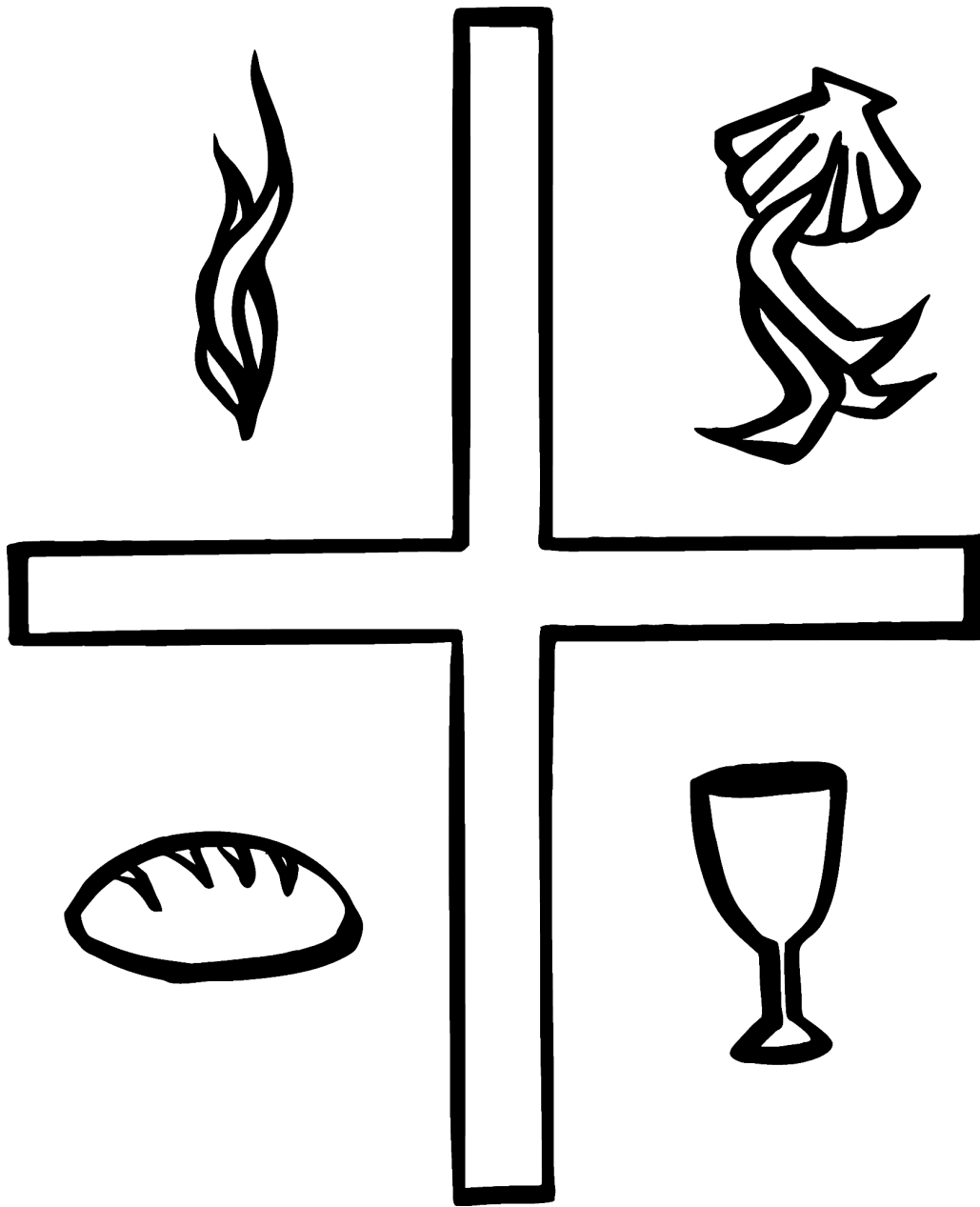


Seventh Sunday Of Easter



May 17th, 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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In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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. Children are welcome to come up and lead us in the song.

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

Bind Us Together

TFF 217

Refrain

Bind us together, God
Bind us together with cords,
That can not be broken
Bind us together, God
Bind us together, God
Bind us together in Love.

Verse

You are the family of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

Refrain

*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 1:6-14

⁶ When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore dominion to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the God has set by divine authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 and songs as we open our imaginations to the miracle of new life in Christ.

"We Are All the Leaves of One Tree"

A song from Plum Village, founded by Thich Nhat Hanh

We are all the leaves of one tree
We are all the leaves of one tree
The time has come for all to live as one
We are all the leaves of one tree

We are all the waves of one sea
We are all the waves of one sea
The time has come for all to live as one
We are all the waves of one sea

We are all the stars of one sky
We are all the stars of one sky
The time has come for all to live as one
We are all the stars of one sky

We are all the leaves of one tree
We are all the waves of one sea
The time has come for all to live as one
We are all the stars of one sky

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

TFF 191

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 17:1-11 (Spark Bible p. 450)

The holy gospel according to John the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O God**

¹After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said, “Abba, the hour has come! Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify you, ²through the authority you’ve given me over all humankind, by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. ³And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. ⁴I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Abba, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you’ve entrusted to me does indeed come from you. ⁸I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. ⁹And it’s for them that I pray— not for the world, but for these you’ve given me— for they are really yours, ¹⁰just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. ¹¹I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name— the Name that you gave me— that they may be one, even as we 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

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day

We Are One in the Spirit

Kate Marks

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in our God
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in our God;
And we know that our unity has this day been restored,

**Refrain: And we know we’re God’s children by our love, by our love;
Yes, we know we are God’s children by our love.**

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the word that God is in our land. ***Refrain***

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we're finding our dignity by knowing God inside.

**Refrain: And we know we're God's children by our love, by our love;
Yes, we know we are God's children by our love.**

***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

Sunday School 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: oursavioursmples.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

Come To The Table

ELW 396

Holy Spirit Truth Divine

ELW 398

I Come With Joy

ELW 482

***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.

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Margaret Libby & Naomi Bardwell
Prayers:	Grades 1 & 2
Special Music:	OSLC Sunday School Choir
Musicians:	Alyssa Schwitzer & Kent Goodroad
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Communion Recruiters:	Grades 5 & 6
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, May 20

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

6:30PM-7:30PM Adult Choir

Saturday, May 23

Celebration of Life service for Linda Cook
visitation at 1pm, service at 2pm, reception 3pm

Sunday, May 24

No forum, No Sunday school

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to celebrate, serve and do justice.*

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