

Pentecost



May 24th, 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:



Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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.

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* *ELW 401*

*Greeting

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 2:1-21 (Spark Bible p.502)

Today's reading will be read in multiple languages.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your youth shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of God’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved.’ ”

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

*Psalm 104

Refrain — All

When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -
newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your
Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

*Gospel

John 20:19-23 (Spark Bible p. 492)

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw Jesus. ²¹ He said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Abba God has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

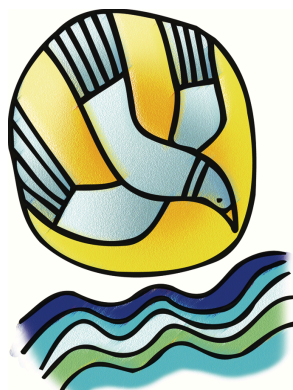
This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**

If Not For Your Grace

Israel Houghton

Verses sung by cantor, congregation sings chorus as indicated.

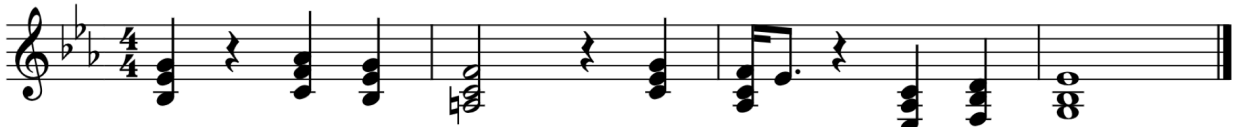
Chorus

Grace that restores
Grace that redeems
Grace that releases
Me to be

Grace that repairs
Visions and dreams
Grace that releases
Me to be...your grace.

Where would I be if not for your grace?

Repeat as directed with harmonies below.



Where would I be if not for Your grace?

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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**

Thank You, God

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1 Thank you, God, thank you, God,
2 Been so good, been so good,
3 Love you, God, love you, God,



thank you, God, I just want to thank you, God.
been so good, I just want to thank you, God.
love you, God, I just want to thank you, God.

***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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

ACS 980

*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note chord (F4, Bb4), followed by quarter notes (C5, Bb4), and a dotted quarter note (A4). The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note (G4), a quarter note (F4), and a half note (E4) with a slur. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

name. (hm)

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note (D4) with a slur and a fermata. The bass staff has a half note (C3) with a slur and a fermata. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**Additional Verses:*

Come, Breath of heaven, ...

Come, Word of mercy, ...

Come, great Creator, ...

Come to unite us, ...

Come to inspire us, ...



Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
 in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
 spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold.

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

***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:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Readers:	Lulu Rood, Kent Goodroad, Benhi !Khabebe, Alfred Flomo
Prayers:	Craig Johnson
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 27

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

Saturday, May 30

5PM-8:30PM Shelter Meal (Kitchen)

Sunday, May 31

9AM Book Study Adult Forum

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

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