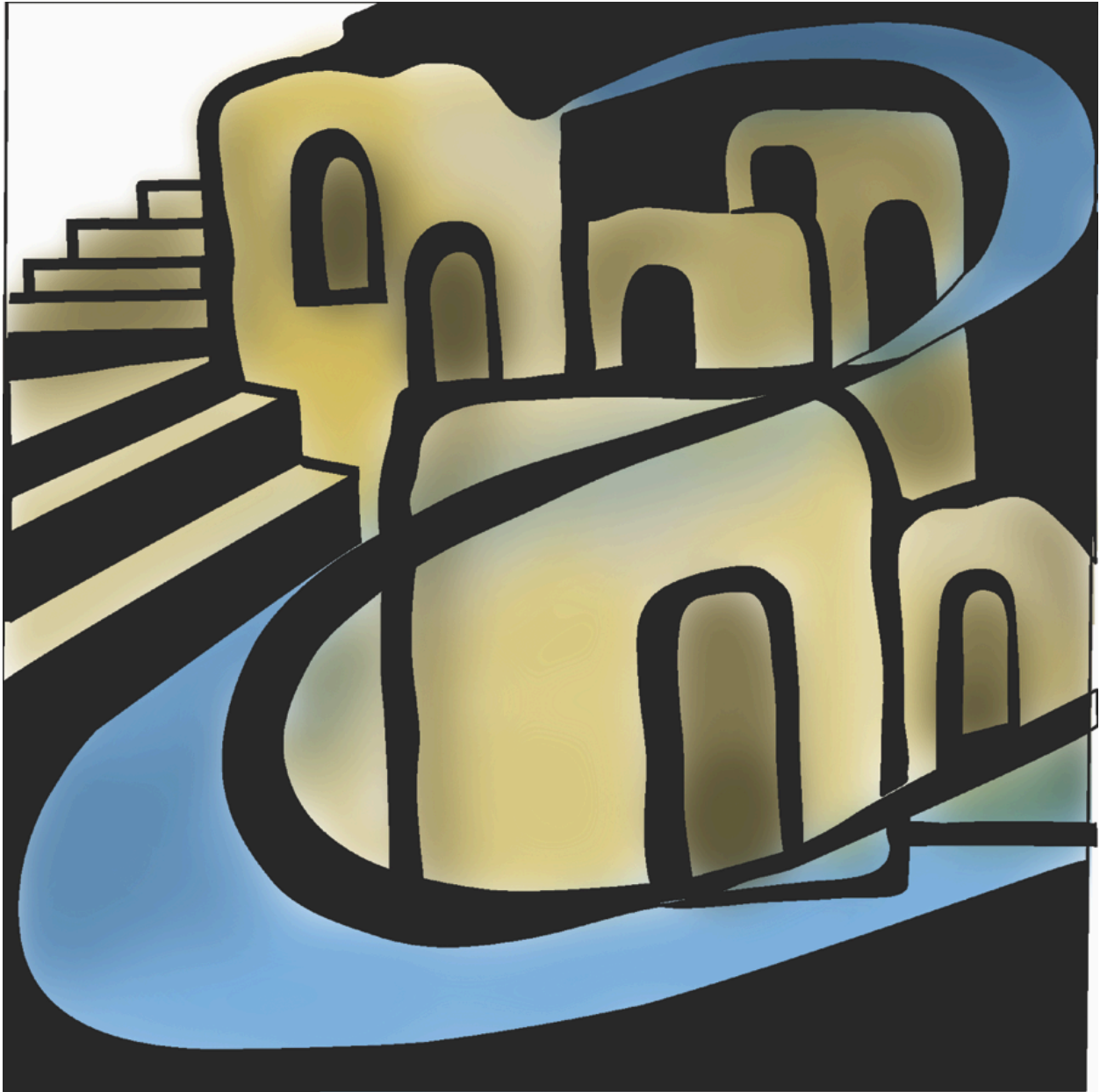


Fifth Sunday Of Easter



May 3rd, 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

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

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

*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 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son-of-Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged Stephen out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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.

“I Am A Christian” by Maya Angelou

When I say... “I am a Christian”
I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin.”
I’m whispering “I was lost,
Now I’m found and forgiven.”
When I say.. “I am a Christian.”
I don’t speak of this with pride.
I’m confessing that I stumble
and need Christ to be my guide.
When I say.. “I am a Christian”
I’m not trying to be strong.
I’m professing that I’m weak
And need His strength to carry on.
When I say... “I am a Christian”
I’m not bragging of success.

I’m admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.
When I say... “I am a Christian”
I’m not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible
But, God believes I am worth it.
When I say... “I am a Christian”
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.
When I say... “I am a Christian”
I’m not holier than thou,
I’m just a simple sinner
Who received God’s good grace,
somehow.

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

The musical notation consists of three staves of music 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. 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 14:1-14 (Spark Bible p.448)

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know and have seen my Father.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but it is the Father who dwells in me who does these works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Making Their Way

ACS 979



1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.



*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

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,
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.

Now I Walk in Beauty

Now I walk in beauty
Beauty is before me
Beauty is behind me
Above and below me

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

O Great Love

Bret Hesla



1. O Great Love that threat could not de - ter:
2. O Great Heart that cries at pri - son walls:
3. O Great Meal - Train reach - ing ev - ery door:
4. O Great Joy, the mer - ry pack of seeds:



Be with us. Be near us. Trans - form us.

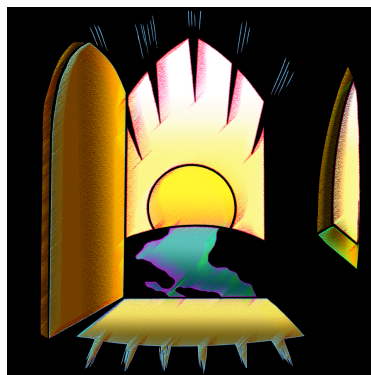


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***Blessing**



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.

SERMON NOTES

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 & Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Grant Stevenson
Reader:	Clara Owens
Prayers:	Kristie Hennig
Special Music:	Anna Rohde Schwehn
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 5

8:30AM-9:30AM DABS

10:15AM Bible Study (HC/Zoom)

5:30PM Community Meal (HC)

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

6:30PM-7:30PM Adult Choir

Saturday, May 9

9AM-Noon Quilting (HC)

Sunday, May 10

9AM Adult Forum: New Member Forum

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

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