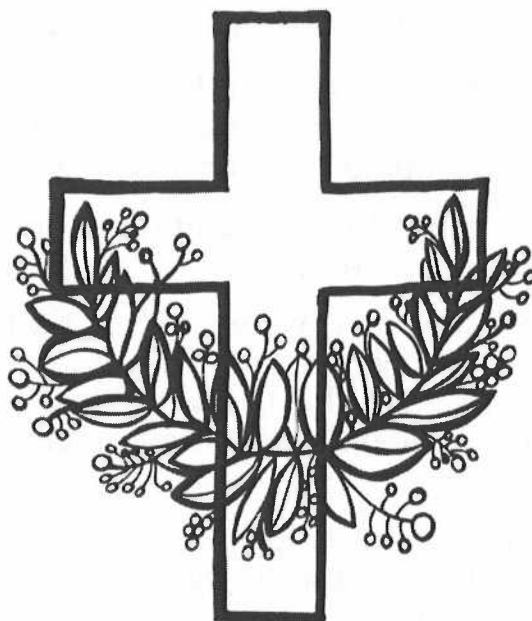


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00AM



Welcome



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

Prayer Requests: Mary, Tracy & Marty; Maija, and those at home and in care facilities. Our Extended Friends & Family: Family & Friends of Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales), Geanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Libby (friend of Theda Doak); Leigh Ann and Ashley (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez).

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

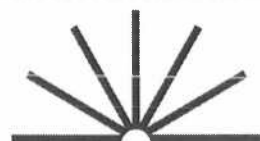
Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship and Renewing Worship.

Welcoming New Members on June 8

On Pentecost (June 8), we will receive and welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the faith community of Our Saviour's through baptism or transfer of membership, please talk with Pastor Amalia so she can share information with you about upcoming Newcomer gatherings.



Come and See - Thursdays 12 - 1 PM, Patio Room

This is a weekly exploration of faith and life. We are presently reading through Paul's letters to the church in Corinth (1 and 2 Corinthians). In these letters, Paul addresses many familiar themes for ancient and modern communities of faith. We examine Scripture together through conversation, context, and background. Open to anyone who is interested in learning with others. Led by Pastor Glenn and Pastor Amalia. Bring a Bible or use one of the provided Lutheran study Bibles. You are welcome to bring and eat your lunch while we meet. 12-1 pm in the Patio Room (enter through the Office or Koch Chapel). At present, we are on 1 Cor. 16 - 2 Cor. 8-10.

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ELW is Evangelical Lutheran Worship, our red hymn book located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.

**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Now the Green Blade Rises* arr. David Cherwin - Dr. Ji Sun Lee

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism...

...Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism...

...Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism...

....Baptized into you, O Living One,

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Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore th' Lamb.

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

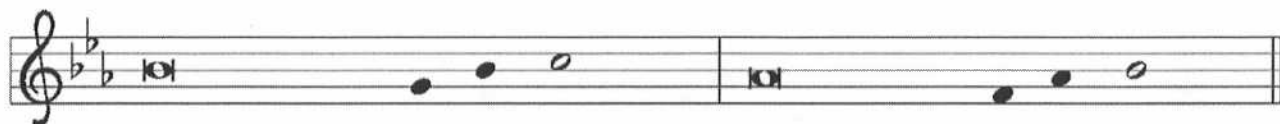
*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life"

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



Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.
- ² **Praise the Lord, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- ³ Praise the Lord, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- ¹² **young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful**
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

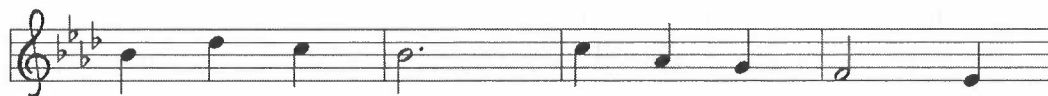
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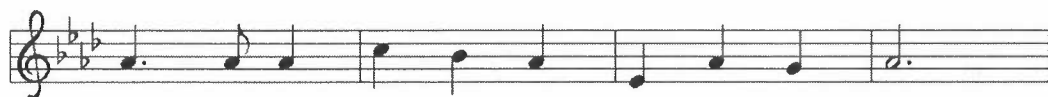
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

...We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *Reflection* by J.S. Lee Dr. Ji Sun Lee

*OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places...

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, let us pray as Jesus did:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

This is Christ's table. You are all are welcome here, without exception. During the season of Easter (through June 8), you are encouraged to remain standing to receive communion - this recognizes the celebration and joy of Easter. Those who wish may kneel. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Lamb of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

ELW #379 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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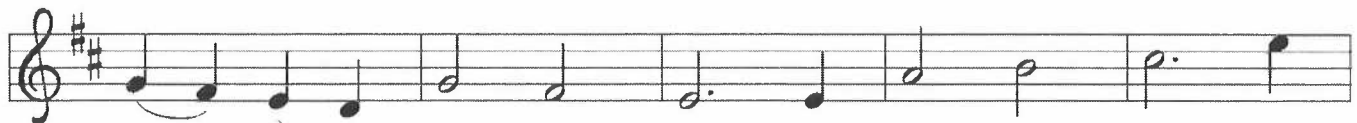
*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW # 389 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

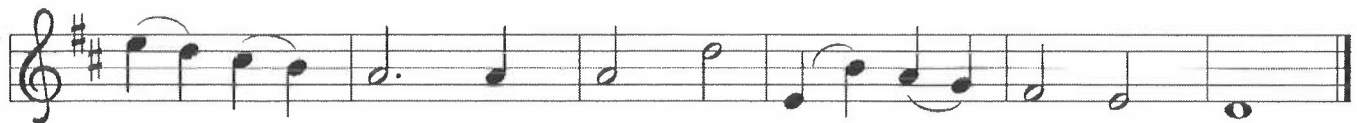
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* arr. by David Cherwin

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Dr. Ji Sun Lee, a South Korean born pianist/ organist, and church musician, has performed concerts in South Korea, United States, Brazil, Germany, and Italy. She has won top prizes in several competitions, including first prizes in the President's Concerto Competition at the University of Arizona and the Contemporary Music Society Competition at Arizona State University. She was invited to perform as a guest artist at the New American Piano Series, Arizona State University, and also in different states in Brazil including Villa Lobos Institute- Uni Rio, to perform and give master classes.

Sunday Morning Treats

Calling all bakers. We need treats for Sunday morning. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

If you are not a baker and would still like to contribute goodies for Sunday mornings, bakery items are also appreciated.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/18/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Glenn Adams
Assisting Minister Mary Lou Forier
Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps and
Patty Sirls, Pam Hardman
Acolyte Claudia Saphir
Cantor Bill DeVinney
Keyboard Dr. Ji Sun Lee
Usher Hildi Williams, Laurretta Olson
Greeter Pam Hardman
Coffee Host

Treats Mary Lou Forier & Jack Wahl
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 5/25/2025

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Cantor Aysen Milliogullari
Keyboard Sophia Su
Usher David Lester, Diane Siefkes
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9:00 - Sanctuary

Coffee following

10:30 Sunday Forum

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