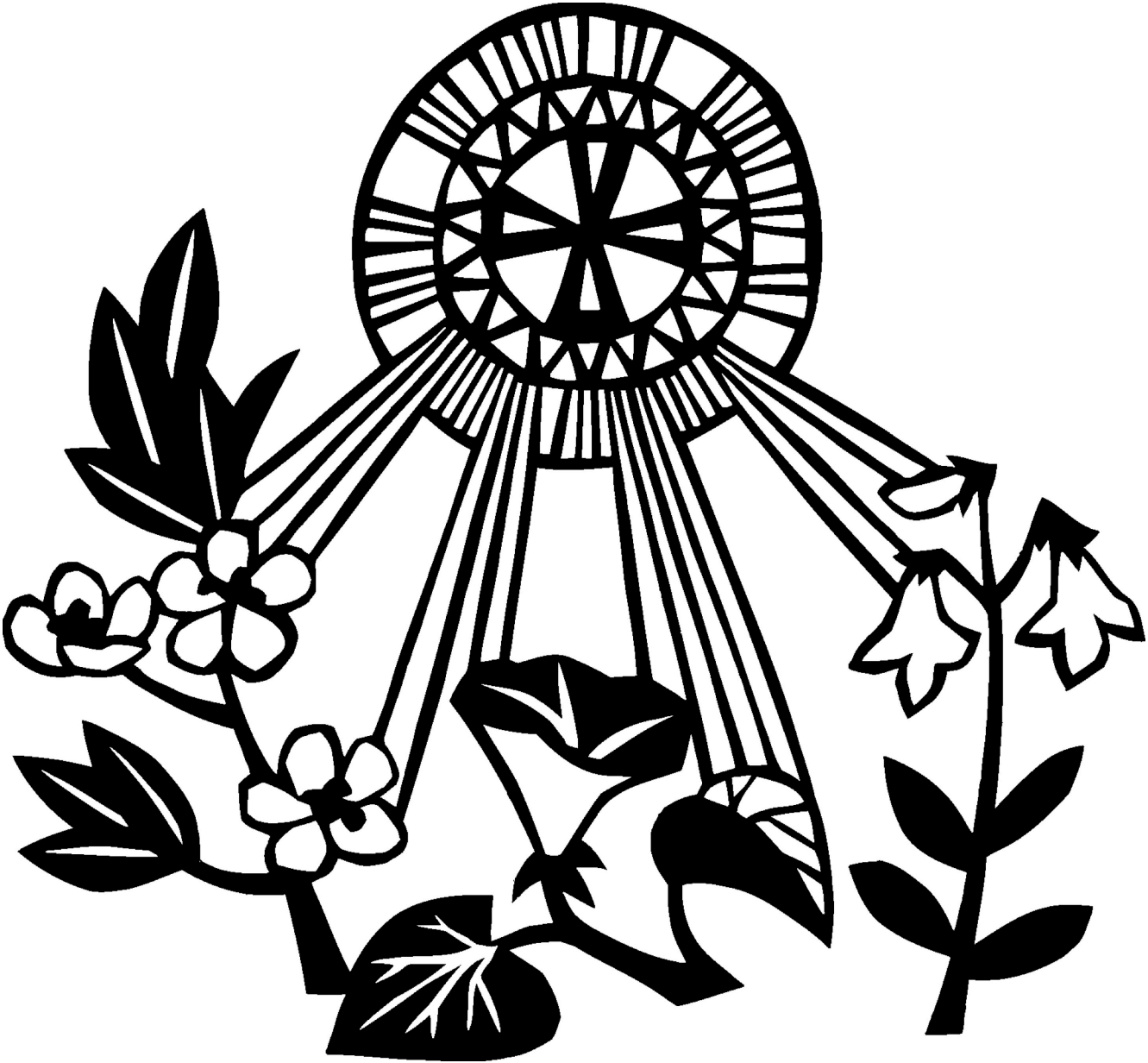


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
Season of Easter 2026



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About Our Liturgy

Parts of our sung liturgy during the season of Easter come from "Behold, I Make All Things New," written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon. Ben sang the "Lamb of God," of setting 10 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, while buried in the rubble and then died. Originally, "Behold, I Make All Things New" was written to reach and inspire 18-35 year olds, an age demographic that is often least represented in weekly worship, but it has resonated deeply across all age groups. It was Ben's intention, and now his family's prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, his family gives his liturgy to the Church with joy and prays it may bless all who sing it. Any donations made in support of this liturgy will be used to support new ELCA communities of faith. Learn more at www.benstillsings.com

Season of Easter 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We give thanks for the gifts of baptism, for the waters of creation, for waters that nourish us.

Silence for Reflection

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
Holy Spirit, you sustain and connect us.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with your peace.

Thank you for the grace of baptism.
Thank you for making us a new creation.
Guide us to the water of life.
Amen.

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

As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.



GATHER

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

***GATHERING HYMN This is the Feast**

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.



Bles-sing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er, A-men. _____



This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for _____ our _____ God.



_____ This is the feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____



For the Lamb who was slain _____ has be-gun _____ His reign, Al - le - lu - ia. _____



This is the fea - st _____ of vic-to-ry for _____ our _____ God. This is the



feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____ Al - le-lu - ia.



Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *See insert*

SECOND READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



WORD

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

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

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *See insert*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING

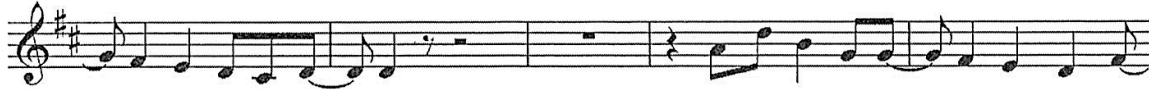
***OFFERING SONG**

Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._ and put a new and right

6



_ spir - it with - in_ me. Cast me not a - way_ from your pres -

11



ence. and do not take your ho - ly spir - it from me_

17



Re - turn to me the joy_ of your sal - va - tion. Sus - tain a new and wil -

22



ling spir - it with in_ me. Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._

27



and put a new and right_ spir - it with in_ me.

*Listen deeply as the
gospel lesson is being
read*



MEAL

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is for the Leader, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.' The second line is for ALL, with lyrics: 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third line is for ALL, with lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The fourth line is a melisma consisting of two measures of sustained chords, each marked 'Mmmm'.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places, we give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending dance.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

**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.**

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION

Come as you are. Become what you receive.

COMMUNION HYMNS



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.

Communion Hymns *See insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is Risen.
Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*This is Christ's table.
You and all are
welcome, without
exception. If you
prefer a blessing only,
cross your arms over
your heart. Gluten-
free wafers available
by request. The wine is
red; the grape juice is
clear. Please let an
usher know if you
would like communion
brought to your pew.*

ELW, Setting 10



SEND

*Turn to follow the
cross as it passes and
leads us to love and
service in the world.*

WELCOME

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.

Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

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.

Sunday Forum May 17 Café Justo/Just Coffee

Come learn from the CEO of Café Justo/Just Coffee, Adrián González, all about the coffee we serve at Our Saviour's. Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. They market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice. Our goal is to provide incentives for people to remain on their family lands. The coffee is harvested, cleaned and prepared for shipping in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas. The beans are then transported to Agua Prieta, Sonora. In Agua Prieta the coffee is roasted, ground and packaged for shipment to customers like Our Saviour's.

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST



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FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual 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, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he 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 fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

²⁹ 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

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 he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

PSALM 66:8-20

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰ **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹² **You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

¹⁴ **those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶ **Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸ **If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;**

¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

²⁰ **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL John 14:15- 21

Sunday May 10, 2026

Our first reading is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Today's passage is set in the middle of Paul's second missionary journey. As the trip began, Paul parted ways with his former missionary partner Barnabas. Silas and then Timothy joined him. The team experienced a variety of receptions to their preaching, from welcoming it to tossing them in prison for it. In our reading, they reach Athens: the center of Greek culture and philosophy. In a twist on the old proverb: when in Athens, Paul preaches as an Athenian would.

Our second reading is from the first epistle attributed to Peter. Right before today's passage, the author posed what some refer to as a "household code" for wives and husbands., and then the community at large. In our reading, two themes are taken up. The first is instruction on how to respond in the face of opposition. The second is complicated. It blends baptismal theology with the author's view of Christ preaching to the "spirits in prison" between the time of his death and raising.

OFFERING *Cantabile in D major, Op. 17* by N. Paganini
Kelsey Archer Osburn, violin; Betsy Dunlap, piano

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #397 Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.



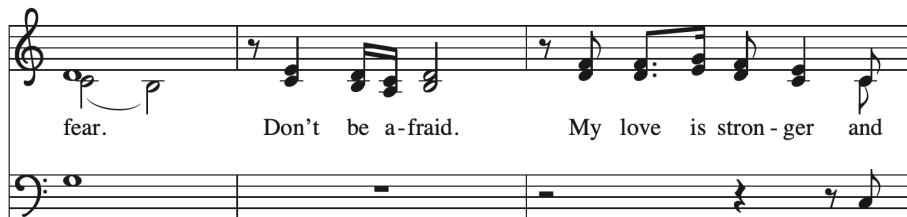
COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #457 Water life (hymnal)
ACS #1027 Don't Be Afraid

Don't Be Afraid



Don't be a - afraid. My love is stron - ger, my love is stron - ger than your



fear. Don't be a - afraid. My love is stron - ger and



I have prom - ised, prom - ised to be al - ways near.

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*

Please turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.



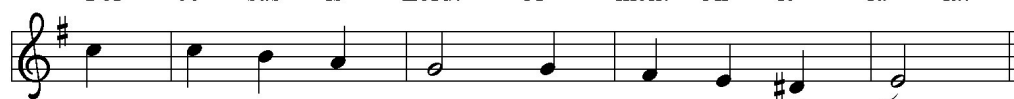
1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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Kelsey Archer Osburn has performed for internationally renowned violinist James Ehnes and has been mentored by distinguished artists Tim Kantor, Timothy and Nikki Chooi. He serves as President of the Old Pueblo Violin Ensemble and Vice President of the University of Arizona chapter of the American String Teachers Association. In addition, he mentors three students through the University of Arizona String Project and performs as a substitute violinist with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra.

An active freelance musician, Kelsey has been booked for weddings, performances at Casino Del Sol, and most recently Stardew Valley: Symphony of the Seasons, one of the largest touring video game concert productions in the world.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (care facility), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), Dave & JillAnn Varley (death of Dave's mother); Pat Alvord; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Family and Friends of Beverly Varley (Dave Varley's mother); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Ann (friend of Suzanne Hesh).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for the fifth Sunday of Easter provide words of challenge and comfort for the practice of faith in the days given to us. The psalmist bequeaths to persons and communities a primal word of trust: "My times are in God's hands." In the book of Acts, a faithful servant entrusts self to God and extends forgiveness even in the face of death. 1 Peter celebrates God's transforming mercy that creates community anchored in Christ. In John's gospel, Jesus prepares disciples for his coming departure. For them, for us, a place is prepared and reunion is promised.

Today's Prelude Sicilienne, Op. 78 by G. Fauré - Kelsey Archer Osburn, violin

Joyful New Beginnings

We hold in joyful prayer longtime member Scott Koenig and his fiancé, the Rev. Michael Bush, as they prepare for their wedding on May 16, 2026 in Michigan. We rejoice in this good news! Sometimes new beginnings can mean a time of ending as well. Following their wedding, Scott will be leaving Our Saviour's and joining Casas Adobes UCC, where Michael serves as pastor. With joy and some tears, we will bless Scott at the close of worship today.

THOSE SERVING TODAY 5/10/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Kris Sanchez
- Communion Assistants** Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand
- Acolyte** Jennifer Strand
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Music** Kelsey Archer, Sophia Rankin
- Cantor** Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
- Usher** Bill and Ann DeVinney
- Greeter** Asher and Mary Havenhill
- Cross Bearer** Jennifer Strand
- Coffee Host** Catalina Rankin
- Treats** Luther Campus Ministry
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 5/17/26

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Laretta Olson
- Communion Assistants** John Indermark
- Acolyte** David Lester
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Cantor** Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
- Music** Chancel Choir
- Usher** Patty Sirls, Pam Hardman
- Greeter** Diane Siefkes
- Cross Bearer** David Lester
- Coffee Host** Sharon Reinbott
- Treats** Rachel Starner
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