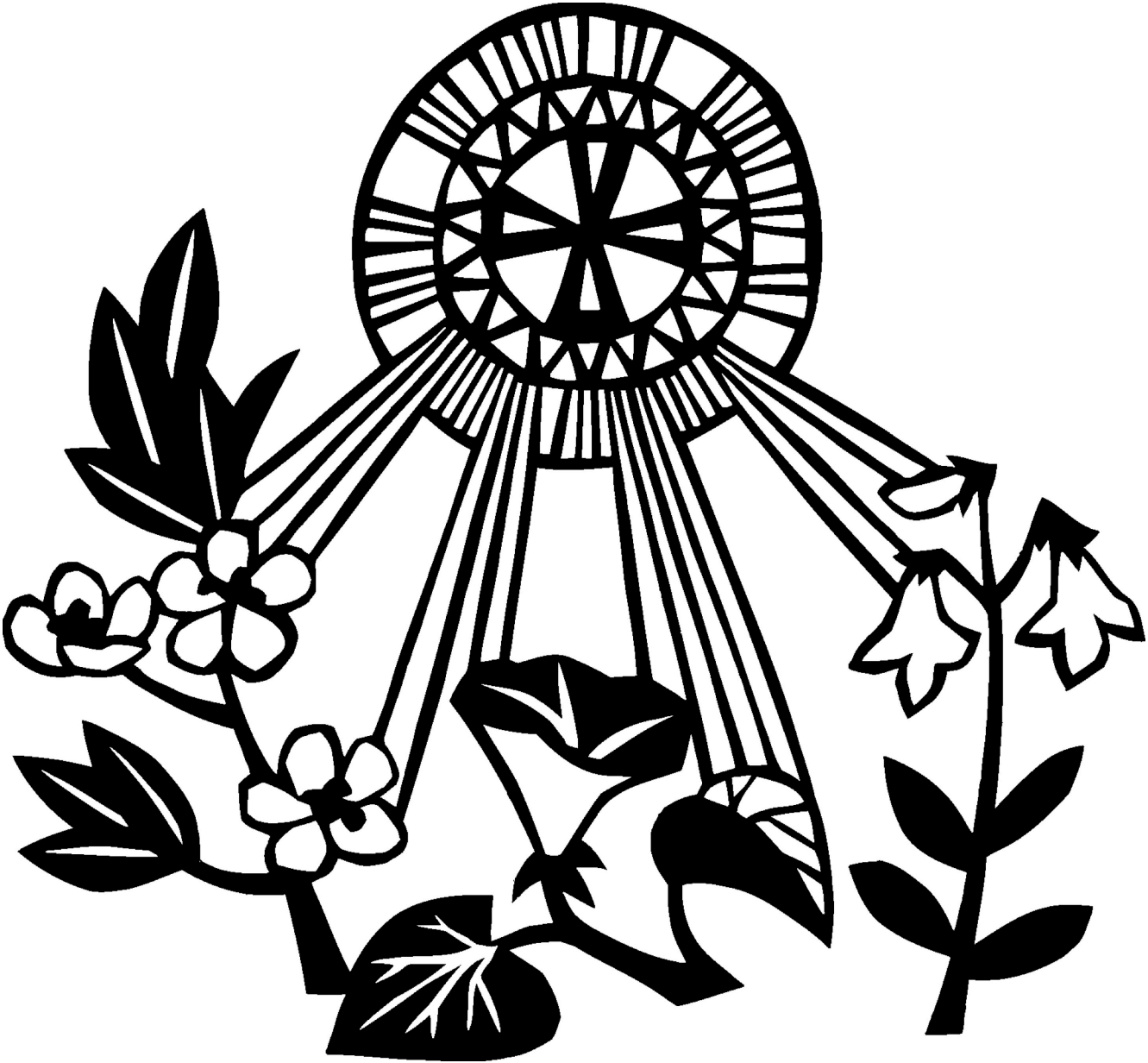


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
Season of Easter 2026



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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

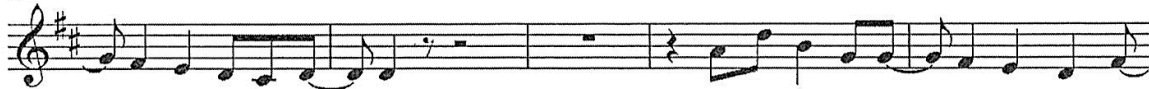
***OFFERING SONG**

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 a series of chords with the sound effect 'Mmmm' written below.

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.

Online Offering

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST



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FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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 people 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 Jews 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, "Fellow Jews 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 young men shall see visions, and your old men 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 the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ **How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶ **There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.**

²⁷ All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ **You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

³² **You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴ **May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.**

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Our first reading is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Pentecost was one of three Jewish pilgrimage festivals. Known as the Festival of Weeks, it marked the start of the wheat harvest. The detail of pilgrimage is key to why the crowd at the Temple was composed of Jews from across the Mediterranean world. The wonder of speaking in tongues sometimes garners all the attention. It can be rightly argued, however, that the greater wonder is the hearing that results. By chapter's end, such hearing leads to the Church's birthing.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.
⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Our second reading is from the first letter to the church at Corinth.

In chapters 12-14, Paul writes to the Corinthians about the work of the Spirit and spiritual gifts. The church he addresses is in conflict over these very matters. Some had claimed the gifts of the Spirit they possess or exercise elevate their status. Paul rejects such claims. The Spirit is the basis of unity, not factions or celebrity. Key to our reading, and these three chapters, is the spiritual gift Paul later identifies as above all others. The greatest of these, he concludes, is love.

GOSPEL John 7:37-39

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.

OFFERING *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*, setting by Kristina Langlois

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #723 Canticle of the Turning (hymnal)

Breathe on Us, Breath of God

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

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*SENDING HYMN ELW #400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Family and Friends of Schatzi Taylor; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Geoff and Suzy Swann and the family and friends of David Swann; Family and Friends of Virginia Hecht (former member of Our Saviour's) and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Family: Friends and Family of Kathy Gregory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney): Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); 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 Pentecost celebrate the workings of God's Spirit in community and creation. The psalm rejoices in Spirit's breathing life into all creation. Acts 2 narrates the Spirit's gift on the day of Pentecost. Paul reflects on how individual gifts of Spirit build up and refresh the Church. In John, Jesus journeys to Jerusalem for the harvest festival known as Booths. John interprets Jesus' words about "living water" in relationship to the future gift of God's Spirit.



POZ Cafe June 21

Care Package items are needed by **Monday, June 15th:** This year, we are collecting shampoo (12-32 oz, no conditioner needed), shaving cream, deodorant/antiperspirant, and household disinfecting cleaner or bleach (up to 35 oz) or disinfecting wipes. We also gladly accept cash donations to buy these items.

THOSE SERVING TODAY 5/24/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** John Indermark
- Communion Assistants** Nilu Dorschner, Mary Pflibsen
- Acolyte** Mary Lou Forier
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Cantor** Daniel White
- Usher** Judy Indermark, Diane Siefkes
- Greeter** Mary Lou Forier
- Cross Bearer** David Lester
- Coffee Host** David Lester
- Treats** Joanna Keyl
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 5/31/26

- Presiding Minister** Rev. John Indermark
- Assisting Minister** Mary Lou Forier
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- Acolyte** Mary Lou Forier
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Cantor** Joy Bulawa
- Usher** Pam Hardman, Jennifer Strand
- Greeter** Patty Sirls
- Cross Bearer** Jennifer Strand
- Coffee Host** Fred and Donna Hudson
- Treats**
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