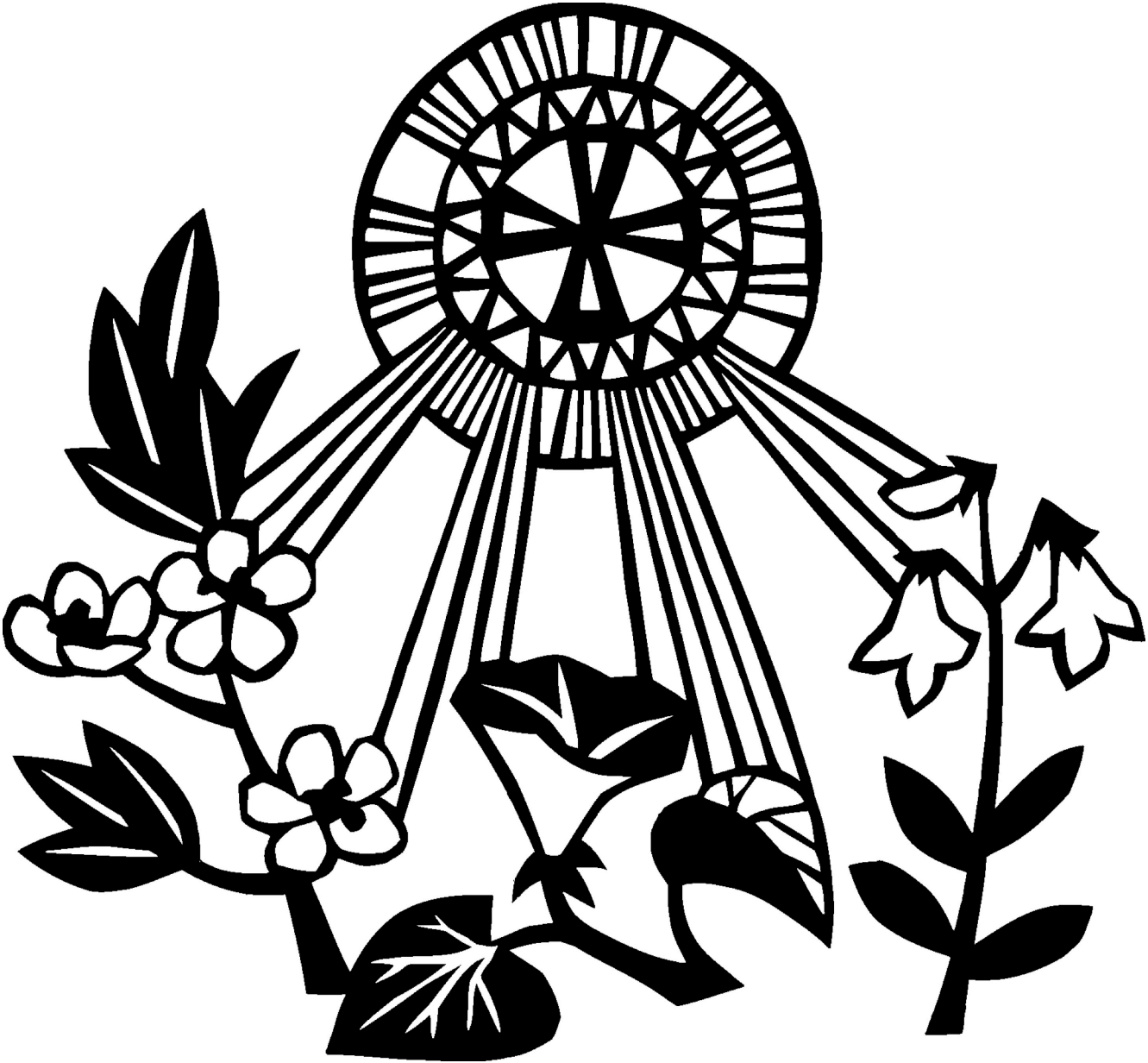


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
Season of Easter 2026



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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**

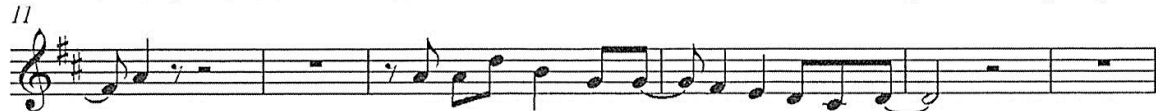
Create in Me



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.

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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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 him 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.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ^l persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your ^l steadfast love."**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

In the sixth chapter of Acts, the Church set apart seven "deacons" to a ministry of service in the community. Among the meanings of the Greek word diakonos is a servant who waits on tables. One the seven chosen is Stephen, whom Acts describes as "full of grace and power." The ministry of Stephen results in false accusations made against him outside of the Church. Our reading begins at the end of the trial of Stephen before the Sanhedrin.

Our second reading is from the first epistle attributed to Peter.

These verses layer Old Testament images to anchor the Church's identity and mission in Christ. The "rejected cornerstone" chosen by God recalls Psalm 118. Jesus is identified as that cornerstone. And Christ the cornerstone becomes as the Church's key foundation. The reading then affirms the transforming power of God for community. By God's mercy, those who were "not a people" are now "God's people."

What can we offer to a God who lacks nothing?
 How are we to serve a God our eyes cannot see?
 Jesus has given us an answer to ponder
 What you do unto others, you do unto me.

For the least of our brothers and the least of our sisters have a place that is special in our Saviour's heart.
 As we welcome and greet them, as we clothe them and feed them, we serve Jesus, who calls us now to listen and do our part.
 Hear our vows and our pledges to serve those at the edges, those who suffer and cower in the dark of night.
 May God give us the Spirit, may we all clearly hear it: how our God is still calling us to listen and make things right.

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #816 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632
 Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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Upcoming Forums

May 3 - Transgender Experiences

The Reconciling in Christ Team will host a Forum after service to learn more about the experiences of transgender people. Dr. David Johnson will share information from the medical perspective, and another member will share their families' personal experience of raising a transgender child. Paula Miller, Minister of Community Engagement, will share about ways Christian people can speak up in support of transgender people. We hope you will join us for this educational and powerful forum.

May 16 - Just Coffee

Come learn from the CEO of 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS (hymnal)

ELW #433 Blessing, Honor, and Glory

ELW # 378 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

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

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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

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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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); Judy & John Indermark (death of friend); 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) Family & Friends of Frenchy (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); 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); Michael (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 F. Chopin Op. 28 No. 15

THOSE SERVING TODAY 5/3/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Olga Ryan
- Communion Assistants** Kathy DeVinney, Lauretta Olson, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
- Acolyte** Olga Ryan
- Keyboard** Xiaoxian Li
- Music** Chancel Choir
- Cantor** Joy Buwala
- Usher** Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
- Greeter** Gloria Schmidt
- Cross Bearer** Olga Ryan
- Coffee Host** Fred and Donna Hudson
- Treats** Someone who is bringing pecan pie
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 5/10/26

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Kris Sanchez
- Communion Assistants** Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand
- Acolyte** Jennifer Strand
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Cantor** Daniel White
- Usher** Bill and Ann DeVinney
- Greeter** Asher and Mary Havenhill
- Cross Bearer** Jennifer Strand
- Coffee Host** Sharon Reinbott
- Treats** LCM
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark