

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Bringing Christ to the  
people and the  
people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith,  
formed in the grace and  
joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in  
God's sure and unfolding  
promise to mend His  
creation through the life,  
death and resurrection of  
His Son, and in the power  
of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the  
cross of Christ, shaped by  
the ancient rhythms of  
Christian worship,  
fellowship, and  
service to others.

*Come share the joy!*

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Our God forms his people into a holy nation — equipping and protecting them as they do his holy will in the world. Suffering for the Gospel is bound to come; Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is stoned for his proclamation of the Good News. In the midst of uncertainty and insecurity, Jesus continually urges his followers to trust in him; he will not leave them, but will show them the way.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

MAY 7, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.



## Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

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### Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

*Please use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship*

### Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, so that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice.

#### Chorus:

*How great is our God! Sing with me:  
How great is our God! And all will see:  
How great, how great, is our God.*

Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and The End,

Beginning and The End.  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.

#### *Chorus*

Name above all names,  
You are worthy of all praise,  
And my heart will sing:  
How great is our God.  
Name above all names,  
You are worthy of all praise,  
And my heart will sing:  
How great, how great, is our God!

#### *Chorus*

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.*

- <sup>P</sup> In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- <sup>P</sup> Most merciful God,
- <sup>C</sup> **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**
- <sup>P</sup> Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

## GREETING

- <sup>P</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

- <sup>A</sup> In peace, let us pray to the Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**
- <sup>A</sup> For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**

<sup>A</sup> For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Lord, have mercy.**

<sup>A</sup> Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE ~ "WORTHY IS CHRIST" (LBW P. 81-82)**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

<sup>P</sup> The Lord be with you. <sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

<sup>P</sup> O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

<sup>C</sup> **Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **The Service Of The Word**

#### **FIRST READING**

Acts 6:1-9,7:2a, 51-60

#### **Stephen, Chosen & Martyred**

*(Stephen was one of the first deacons of The Way who were chosen to serve the people while the apostles did the work of preaching and teaching. Yet Stephen, too, is a witness. His telling of the story of Christ ends in his martyrdom. He is stoned in public while Paul stands and watches.)*

<sup>R</sup> This is the Word of the Lord! <sup>C</sup> **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALMODY

### PSALM 146

- R <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- C <sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**
- R <sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- R <sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;
- C <sup>6</sup>**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**
- R <sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- C <sup>8</sup>**The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- R <sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:2-10

### Spiritual Milk

*(Peter instructs believers to honor God with their behavior. As they continue to mature in the faith they will long for the spiritual milk of the gospel. What they are learning and how they are living is part of them being formed into the living stones of Christ's spiritual house.)*

R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

### Children's Song ~ "Rise and Shine"

Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine And give God the glory, glory  
Children of the Lord

### Feeding our Little Lambs

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA, LORD"  
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

℟ The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter. ℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14:1-7

℟ The Gospel of the Lord. ℣ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

“Terrible as an army with banners”

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis pictures an elder demon as angered to find that the human target of his clumsy nephew has become a Christian. The demon advises the young demon on how to pull the man back into Satan's household by disappointing the man with the flaws of fellow Christians: “My dear Wormwood . . . one of our great allies at present is the Church itself. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean the Church as we see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners. That, I confess, is a spectacle which makes our boldest tempters uneasy. But fortunately it is quite invisible to these humans.”

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

### HYMN OF THE DAY ~ “I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD” (LBW #368)

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|---|---|
| I love your kingdom, Lord,<br>The place of your abode;<br>The Church our blest Redeemer<br>saved With his own precious blood. | Beyond my highest joy<br>I prize its heav'nly ways,<br>Its sweet communion, solemn vows,<br>Its hymns of love and praise.           |
| I love your Church, O God!<br>Its walls before you stand,<br>Dear as the apple of your eye<br>And graven on your hand.        | Sure as your truth shall last,<br>To Zion shall be giv'n<br>The brightest glories earth can yield,<br>And brighter bliss of heav'n. |

### THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the**

**Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers the congregation responds.. Hear our prayer.*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

**THE DOXOLOGY~ "GLORY TO GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS" (WOV #787) V.1**  
Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King. Amen

### **POST OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father, **C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our vocations, our time, our possessions— all signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Please remain standing*

## **The Holy Meal**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

*(At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbors)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

<sup>P</sup> The Lord be with you.

<sup>C</sup> **And also with you.**

<sup>P</sup> Lift up your hearts.

<sup>C</sup> **We lift them up to the Lord.**

<sup>P</sup> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <sup>C</sup> **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

<sup>P</sup> It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

<sup>C</sup> **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

<sup>P</sup> In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

<sup>P</sup> Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

<sup>P</sup> Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

<sup>C</sup> **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**

### LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated*



## DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS:

#### "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE" (WOV #702)

I am the Bread of life  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father beckons,

*Chorus:*

*And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
You shall live forever,  
You shall live forever.

*Chorus*

Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood,  
And drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

*Chorus*

I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
Even though you die,  
You shall live forever.

*Chorus*

Yes, Lord, I believe  
That you are the Christ,  
The Son of god,  
Who has come Into the world.

*Chorus*

#### "ANCIENT WORDS"

Holy words, long preserved  
For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart;  
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus:*

*Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me, changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice,  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

*Chorus*

Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart...  
O, let the ancient words impart.

*"HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD!" (LBW #138)*

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| He is arisen! Glorious Word!    | Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.   |
| Now reconciled is God, my Lord; | O hear what cheer!                  |
| The gates of heav'n are open.   | Christ victorious, Rising glorious, |
| My Jesus rose triumphantly,     | Life is giving.                     |
| And Satan's arrows broken lie,  | He was dead, but now is living!     |

*"I LOVE YOU, LORD"*

I love You Lord And I lift my voice  
To worship You O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King In what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

<sup>P</sup> The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (LBW #534) V. 3*

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

<sup>P</sup> Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

**BENEDICTION ~P. 95 LBW**

<sup>P</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. <sup>C</sup> **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN ~ "ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS!" (WOV #671) Vs. 1-3**

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Refrain*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the king of creation.

*Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ;

Now we shall live forever.

*Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

*Refrain*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Save the Date for VBS!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 26th-30th.

Prime Timers

The next Prime Timers Meeting will be at the church on May 11th. So mark your calendars. We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. We still need a few items for our lunch. Please see the poster in the Narthex to sign up. You may also email [jen.videtto@gmail.com](mailto:jen.videtto@gmail.com) or text Jennifer Videtto at 318-332-3870.

Memorial Service for Cheryl Pontious

There will be a Memorial Service held on Saturday, May 13th at 11:30 am, at Our Saviour's, for Cheryl Pontious. There will be a light meal to follow.

The family is encouraging everyone to wear bright colors. "They would like to see the church as bright as one of Cheryl's quilts!"

We are asking for anyone interested to bring sandwiches, fruit trays, chips & dips, or sides for the lunch. We are expecting around 150 people. The Quilter ladies will be bringing the desserts. Please contact Jerry Redman at 318-393-5050 if you can help.

### Our Worship Servants This Morning:

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|-----------------------|--|
| Greeters:             | Cliff & Sally Dengerud                 |
| Acolyte:              | Ean Hollenbeck                         |
| Ushers:               | Joe Coke & Ryan Gibbs                  |
| Cantor:               | Blaine Davis                           |
| Reader:               | Mary Ferguson                          |
| Communion Assistants: | Jana Coke, Susan Buntz & Linda Webster |
| Projectionist:        | Toby Fite                              |

### Upcoming Activities at OSLC (May 8th - 14th)

|            |                     |            |
|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Tuesday:   | Quilters            | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Wednesday: | Embroiderers Guild  | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Thursday:  | Prime Timers        | 11:30 a.m. |
|            | CODA                | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday:  | Altar Guild Team #2 |            |
| Sunday:    | Mother's Day!       |            |
|            | Choir               | 9:15 a.m.  |
|            | Worship             | 10:00 a.m. |
|            | Confirmation Class  | 4:30 p.m.  |

### Stewardship

### Attendance

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| Average Monthly Expenses:      | \$ 25,245     | Sunday, April 30, 2023:  | 108 |
| Previous April Offerings:      | \$ 32,000     | 2023 Average Attendance: | 113 |
| Offerings on April 30th:       | \$ 1,572      |                          |     |
| Other Weekly Offerings:        | <u>\$ 855</u> |                          |     |
| Total Weekly Offerings:        | \$ 2,427      |                          |     |
| Total April Offerings to Date: | \$ 34,427     |                          |     |
| 2023 Offering to Date:         | \$113,645     |                          |     |