

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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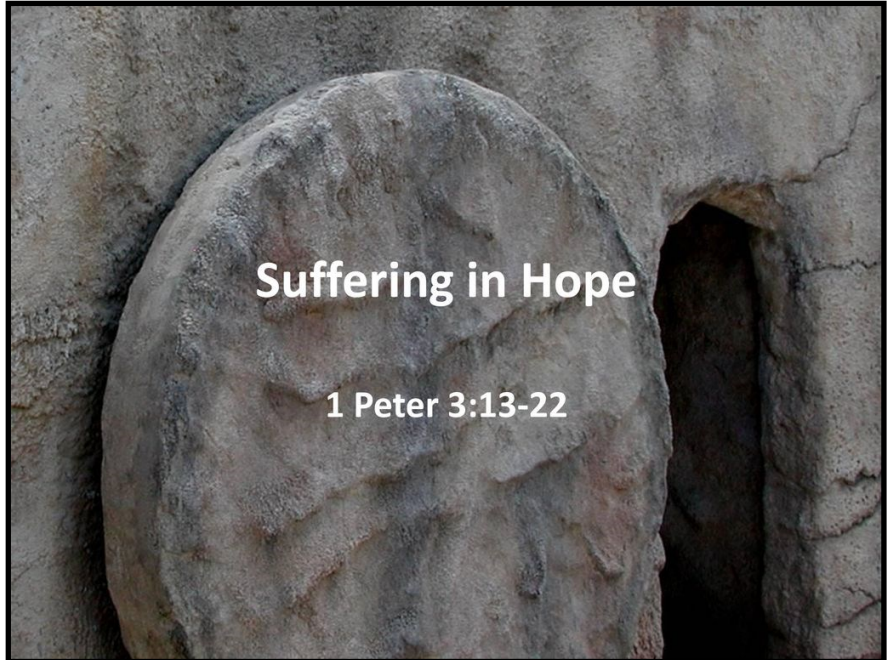
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Suffering in Hope

1 Peter 3:13-22

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

MAY 14, 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

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA!" (LBW 128) V. 1-2

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All on earth with angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Lo the sun's eclipse is o'er. Alleluia!
Lo he sets in blood no more. Alleluia!

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**
- P** 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. **C Amen**
- P** 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.

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** **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**
- P** 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.
- C Amen**

GREETING

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

KYRIE

- A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** 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. **C Lord, have mercy.**

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

^A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. ^C **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

^P The Lord be with you. ^C **And also with you.**

^P Gracious God, thank you for calling us together to receive your blessings, proclaim your glory, and encourage one another. Lord, in the sacrament of Baptism, you bless us with the presence of your Holy Spirit and wash away our sins. Grant that we may treasure this gift as we follow Christ whose victory is our vindication; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ^C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31 PAUL PREACHES IN ATHENS

As Paul continues his missionary journey in the city of Athens, he is confronted with idol worshippers who wonder what his message is really about. Paul proclaims the Good News of the living God to all those who worship stones and statues.

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

PSALMODY

PSALM 139:1-3; 7-12

R ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

C ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

R ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

C ⁷**Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

R ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

C ⁹**If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

R ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

C ¹¹**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"**

R ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:13-22 YOU WILL BE BLESSED

Peter encourages the faithful not to fear if they should encounter suffering for the sake of their faith in Christ. He urges them to be ready to give a sure defense of their faith when anyone questions them. He assures them that their good behavior and obedience to the Lord's command will put to shame those who want to harm. Even though they suffered for Christ, they will be blessed.

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

Children's Song ~ "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray	Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Keep me burning 'til the break of day	Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Feeding our Little Lambs

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THY WORD"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

... and a light unto my path.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14:15-21

^P The Gospel of the Lord. ^C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

Christ's Victory Is Our Vindication

1. When unjust suffering comes upon you, remember the purpose of Christ's suffering
2. When a godless culture seems triumphant, remember the first Easter sermon was proclaimed by Christ Himself
3. When struggles against sin and suffering seem unproductive, remember your baptism

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY ~

"NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS" (LBW #143)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.

Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;

grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:

Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,

all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE APOSTLES CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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~ "I OFFER MY LIFE"

All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted
to You.

Chorus:

*Lord, I offer my life to You,
everything I've been through,
use it for Your glory,*

*Lord, I offer my days to You,
lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.*

What can we give that You have not given;
And what do we have that is not already
Yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living,
and that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

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

^P The Lord be with you.

^C **And also with you.**

^P Lift up your hearts.

^C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

^P 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

^C **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

^P 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.*

^P 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.*

^P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

^C **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:

“THERE IN GOD’S GARDEN” (WOV #668) V. 1-3

There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus,
name that says, 'Our Saviour!'
There on its branches
see the scars of suffering;

see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its life-blood.

Thorns not its own
are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it.
Yet look! It lives!
Its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.

“LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE” (LBW #423) V. 1&3

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

“HE IS ARISEN! GLORIOUS WORD!” (LBW #138)

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
the gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus rose triumphantly,
and Satan's arrows broken lie,

destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear, what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!

“HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL”

His name is wonderful.	He's the Great Shepherd
His name is wonderful	The Rock of all ages
His name is wonderful	Almighty God is He
Jesus my Lord.	Bow down before Him
He is the mighty King	Love and adore Him
Master of everything	His name is wonderful
His name is wonderful	Jesus my Lord.
Jesus my Lord.	

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ “SONG OF SIMEON”

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
A light to reveal you to the Nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

^P 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. ^C **Amen**

BENEDICTION ~P. 95 LBW

^P 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. ^C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN ~

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA!” (LBW #128) Vs. 3&4

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!	Lives again our glorious king! Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell. Alleluia!	Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!	Once he died our souls to save; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!	Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

℟ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ℣ **Thanks be to God.**

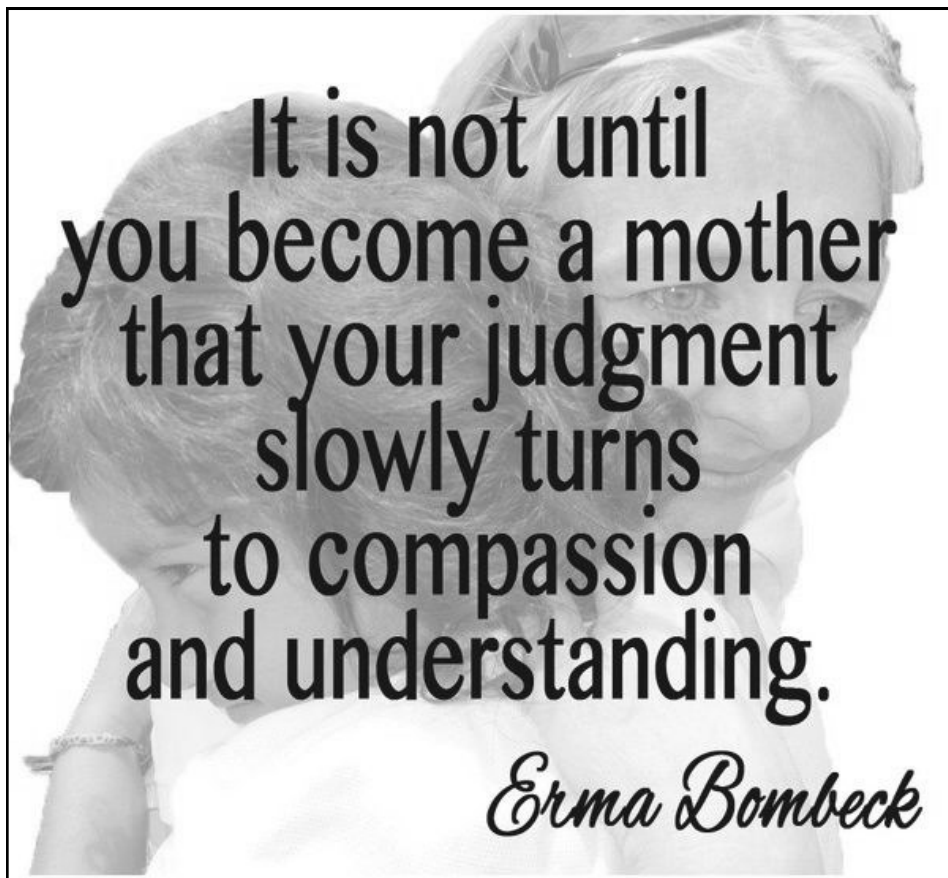
POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! VBS

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



Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeters:	Ron & Turi Nixon
Acolytes:	Penelope & Annabelle Davis
Ushers:	Ed & Connie Lucas
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants:	Blaine & Karin Davis & Courtney Henriksen
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (May 15th - 21st)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Thursday:	Social Ministry	11:30 a.m.
	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #3	
	Embroiderers Guild	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Choir	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Attendance

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 25,245
Offerings on May 7th:	\$ 3,315
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 2,792</u>
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 6,107
Total of May Offerings to Date:	\$ 6,107
2023 Offering to Date:	\$119,751

Sunday, May 7, 2023:	106
2023 Average Attendance:	112