

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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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED)

MAY 21, 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.
- 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 ~ "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS" (LBW #158) Vs. 1-2

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone,
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise;
"I am with you evermore"?

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.

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

^P Almighty God, we believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand. Grant that our hearts and minds may be directed there, as well, to dwell in him each day, through the same Jesus Christ, our 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 1:1-11

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

PSALMODY - PSALM 47

^C **1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.**

^R **2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.**

^C **3 He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.**

^R **4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

^C **5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.**

^R **6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

^C **7 For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.**

^R **8 God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.**

^C **9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.**

^R **10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.**

SECOND READING - EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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

WE HONOR OUR GRADUATE...

THE SERVICE OF BLESSING AND SENDING

P: We ask that our graduate, Ben Snyder, and his family please come forward.

A: Parents and sponsors, long ago in Christian love you presented your child for Holy Baptism. On that day sacred promises were made. Today, as we enter this Service of Blessing & Sending, please take your child's hands in yours and say:

Parents: I bless you, I thank you, and I forgive you. I wish you peace, and I promise to hold you forever in my prayers.

A: Ben, not long ago you made your confirmation vows. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to reaffirm the sacred promises you have made to God, and to live a life worthy of your calling as God grants you life and breath?

Graduate: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

A: Will you offer your blessings, your thanks, your forgiveness, and your peace to your parents now?

Graduate: I will. Mom and Dad, I bless you, I thank you, and I forgive you. I wish you peace, and I promise to hold you forever in my prayers.

A: Congregation, friends, and families. Will you pledge to support and do what you can to encourage these parents and Ben to keep these sacred promises?

Cong: We will, with God's help.

A: Let us pray: God of all creation; We ask your blessing upon this young man and his parents as he moves from this moment to a new adventure in his life of faith. Bless him now and grant your gifts of grace.

Cong: Grant him joy as he lives among your faithful people;

A: Openness to hearing your Word;

Cong: Thankfulness in sharing your supper;

A: Eagerness in spreading the good news of Christ in word and deed;

Cong: Dedication in serving all people following the example of our Lord Jesus; and a hunger for justice and peace.

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong: Amen.

Presentation of the Blessing Quilt

A: Our quilters, on behalf of our congregation, have lovingly made this quilt. Ben, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember who you are and whose you are.

A: Parents, sponsors, and friends, please wrap the quilt around your graduate, place a hand on his shoulders,

Parents: We come this day before God and our church family to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and calling. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do you will always share a sacred space in our hearts. May this quilt remind you of our love and the warmth of this faith community. And on those nights when you wander far away and we cannot wrap you in our arms may you wrap yourself in this quilt. Remember that we love you and know that in God's family you are never alone.

A: Graduate, place your hands on your parents' shoulders and bless them on their way.

Graduate: Mom and Dad, you have given me your heart and your home. You have loved and cared for me even when times were difficult. I honor you for your courage and patience your wisdom and love. Wherever I go you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go your love and example will continue to bless and guide me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I thank God for blessing my life with and through you.

A: Wherever you wander, no matter how cold and dark the night, may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of his church, and the quiet presence of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Go now with God's blessing. Amen.

A: Finally, let us honor the graduate we now send out, and the parents and sponsors who have kept their promises made so many years ago to God. Congratulations!

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

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24:46b-53

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

Please be seated

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARTIN MOORE "Homily on the Ascension of Our Lord"

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS" (LBW #158) Vs. 3-4

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth one food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.	Alleluia! King eternal, Lord Omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth your footstool, hev'n your throne. As within the veil you entered Robed in flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.
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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

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 – 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.**

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:

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

“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!

“THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE” (WOV #676)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain:

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Refrain

Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Refrain

“EAT THIS BREAD” (WOV #709)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

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

“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

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 ~ "ALLELUIA, JESUS IS RISEN" (WOV #674) Vs. 1&3

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Gift of the future now flowing to me.

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date:
VBS - June 26th-30th

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers for 2022-2023. We appreciate all of your hard work teaching God's Word and loving on our children!

- Tammy and Arden Noeker - Pre-School & Kindergarten
- Courtney Henriksen - 1st- 3rd
- Laura Tabler - 4th-6th
- Beaula Rhodes - 7th-8th



Birthday Celebration!

Come join our celebration of Marlen Curry's 90th birthday on Sunday, June 4th. Cake and coffee will be served after the church service.



Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter:	Helen Siebert
Acolytes:	Annabelle & Penelope Davis
Ushers:	Joe Coke & Ryan Gibbs
Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Amy Norris
Communion Assistants:	Alan & Sarah Cumming & Sylvia Miller
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

Upcoming Activities at OSLC (May 22nd - 28th)

Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Thursday:	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
Sunday:	Day of Pentecost	
	Choir	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

Average Monthly Expenses:	\$ 25,245
Previous May Offerings:	\$ 6,107
Offerings on May 14th:	\$ 5,680
Other Weekly Offerings:	<u>\$ 980</u>
Total Weekly Offerings:	\$ 6,660
Total May Offerings to Date:	\$ 12,767
2023 Offering to Date:	\$126,411

Attendance

Sunday, May 14, 2023:	96
2023 Average Attendance:	112