



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

MAY 18, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

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 Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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### Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

*You may 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**, please fill out the **yellow Guest Connect Card** on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have any **prayer requests**, needs, or concerns, please complete the **blue card** on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

**"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him."**

Psalm 96:9

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS " VSS 1-2 (WOV #684)

#### Chorus:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness calling  
and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness, wind,  
Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,  
You called to the deep,  
Then you coaxed up the mountains  
From the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons  
You called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers  
And rise on your wings."

Chorus

You swept through the desert,  
You stung with the sand  
And you goaded your people  
With a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded  
With idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets  
To open their eyes.

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.*

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. In the name of Jesus 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**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### 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 "THIS IS THE FEAST" (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: Let us pray:

"See Insert"

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

**We Honor Our Graduate – The Service of Blessing and Sending**

**P:** We ask that our graduate, Abigail, and her family to 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:** Abigail, 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 lady and her parents as she moves from this moment to a new adventure in her life of faith.

Bless Abigail now and grant your gifts of grace.

**Cong: Grant Abigail joy as she 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.

Abigail, 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 their 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

## **The Service Of The Word**

### **FIRST READING ~ ACTS 11:1-18**

*"See Insert"*      R: This is the Word of the Lord!      **C: Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALMODY ~ PSALM 150 (CHANTED)**

*"See Insert"*

### **SECOND READING ~ REVELATION 21:1-7**

*"See Insert"*      R: This is the Word of the Lord!      **C: Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "ALLELUIA LORD" ~ (P. 83 LBW)**

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. John the 16th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 16:12-22

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

*Please be seated*

### **SERMON ~ REV. MARK BRAATEN**

### **A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN**

**PLEASE STAND**

### **Hymn Of The Day ~ "BLESSED ASSURANCE" (WOV #699)**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long:  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long:  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;	This is my story, this is my song,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,	Praising my Savior, all the day long:
Watching and waiting, looking above,	This is my story, this is my song,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.	Praising my Savior all the day long.

### 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:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,    **℣ Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

*Please be seated*

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Please stand*

The Doxology~ PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (LBW #564)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, ✠Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 SHARING 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 HOLY MEAL

### 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 everliving God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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:**

**"CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA" VSS 1-3 (WOV 678**

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo;

And in its conquest His might did show.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

*Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;*

*Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia!*

*Jesus is living, alleluia!*

The angel said to them, "Do not fear!

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;

Only the grave cloths are lying there."

*Refrain*

For three long days the grave did its worst

“SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART” VSS 1, 2, 4 (LBW #486)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, And make me love you as I ought to love. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,	No sudden rending of the veil of clay, No angel visitant, no op'ning skies; But take the dimness of my soul away.  Teach me to love you as your angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame: The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, My heart an altar, and your love the flame.
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“IN CHRIST ALONE”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All-in-all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.  There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again.	And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.  No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
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Please stand

**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 ~ “GLORY TO GOD” (TO THE TUNE OF ODE TO JOY)**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## 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 ~ "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY" VSS 1, 3, 4 (LBW #543)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
health and salvation!

Let all who hear  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall  
daily attend you.

Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in  
me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now  
with praises before him!

Let the amen  
sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

### Upcoming Activities at OSLC (May 19-25)

Monday:	Men's Group	8:00 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters & Needlepoint	9:00 AM
Thursday:	Bible Study	10:00 AM
	CODA	6:00 PM
Saturday:	Altar Guild Team #4	
Sunday:	Bible Study & Choir	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Confirmation	4:00 PM

### Announcements

**Cake following the service  
in Honor of Abigail Gibbs**

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**Church Council Meeting**  
11:30 AM

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**Prime Timers**  
Thursday, May 29th  
11:30 AM Israel Presentation

### Our Worship Servants This Morning:

Greeter: Tom & Joyce Lewis  
Acolyte: Max Bothner  
Ushers: Alan Cumming & Todd Nazario  
Reader: Karin Davis  
Communion Assistants: Blaine Davis, Jenny Videtto, Sally Dengerud  
Projectionist: Toby Fite

#### Attendance

Sunday, May 11, 2025: 88  
2025 Average Attendance: 85

#### Stewardship

Last Week's Offerings: \$ 8,286  
Total for the May: \$ 13,811  
2025 Total Offerings to Date: \$ 115,505

### PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Margo Williams, Toby Fite, John Minster, Mary Ferguson, Peter Eng, Susan Walker, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Jim & Janet Anthony, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Larry & Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson, Ellie Sadek

Family & Friends: Preetha James, Nancy Hall, Nick Lopez, Ann Spears, Clayton Pinkerton, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Rebecca Smith, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

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"Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart" LBW 486 Text: George Croly, 1780-1860 Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Tune: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

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