



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 1ST, 2025 + 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM(\*please stand)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

### HYMN:

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**#855**

### GREETING

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

### KYRIE (*Read Responsively*)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE:

**"This is the Feast"**

**p. 101**

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

**2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

**3 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Response:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies

to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Response:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (\*please stand)**

**#388**

***Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!***  
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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

*Response:* The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN:**

**"Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

**#655**

**APOSTLE'S CREED (\*please stand)**

**p. 105**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)**

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**"Thine the Amen" v 1-2**

**#826**

## HOLY COMMUNION

p. 107

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

p.108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

p. 112

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.

### DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p.114

*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.*

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #488

"One Bread, One Body" #496

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER(\*please Stand)

p. 114

### BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

### HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

#650

### SENDING

p.115

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**GIVE ONLINE**

**We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.**

**Our radio broadcast today** is sponsored by OSLC WELCA in memory of Jerry Nelson, Judy Olstad, Pat McDaniel and Darlene Miller.

**Community Closet** will be open Monday, June 2, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Set up will be today, June 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed 6:00–8:00 pm Sunday and 7-8 pm Monday. Contact the office with questions.

**Coffee and Fellowship Hosts:** Hosts are needed for our fellowship times following worship on Sunday mornings. Hosting can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. You can sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Gathering Room and be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions.

**Sub List for Communion Helpers and Counters:** We are building a list of substitutes for those Sundays when helpers are scheduled but are unable to attend. If you would like to help out on an occasional basis, please contact Ann in the office (845-1328) and we will add you to the list.

**Faith Lutheran Church is having a Rummage Sale** Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 9-5 and Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 9-3. Be sure to stop by and see the deals to be had!

**Lutheran World Relief:** For the spring shipment, OSLC prepared and sent 66 Personal Care Kits, 40 Baby Care Kits and 59 quilts. These were recently taken to Fargo, and will then be taken to the LWR Headquarters in Minneapolis, where they will then be shipped all over the world. A BIG THANK YOU to Thrivent and all who helped in these efforts! It is time to start preparing for the fall shipment. Items needed for Personal Care Kits are bath towels (dark preferred), toothbrushes and soap. For Baby Care Kits items needed are t-shirts (onesies can be used), sleepers and sweaters and sweatshirts (sizes 3 month to 3T), flannel sheets for diapers and blankets and ivory soap. Summer is a good time to start accumulating items for school kits. So notebooks, pencils, pens (no gel) and boxes of 24 crayons are particularly needed. Many other items are ordered in bulk, so donations to purchase items are always appreciated.

**Red Willow Bible Camp Registration:** For those of you planning to sign up for Bible Camp this summer, the payment code is now available. please call the office for that information.

**The Bridges Backpack Program will again sponsor the Summer Grocery Store** on Wednesdays this summer. Look for more details regarding scheduling as well as donations. The store is open to all, single or family, who find they need help making ends meet now that children are not in school during the summer

**We are beginning a Sack Lunch Program for the summer.** On Fridays, from May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, sack lunches will be available to anyone who is in need of a meal, at no cost to them. This is an extension of the Senior High Lunch program, which will return next school year. Sack lunches will be served in the downstairs dining area starting at 11am until supplies are gone for the day. We are looking for volunteers to help prep and serve on Friday mornings, as well as donations. Helpful Donations: Tubs of peanut butter, individual bags of chips, bottled water, sandwich size ziplock bags, brown lunch bags, and fruit cups. Thank you all for helping to feed our community!

**Eastern ND Synod Assembly will be held June 7-8 in Fargo.** The theme this year is “Grace Upon Grace.” Please pray for Our Savior’s voting members and pastors. We look forward to learning of their experiences at the assembly.

**Fridays are Pastors’ Sabbath feel free to contact them in case of emergencies.**

**A look ahead at the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

TODAY:	8:45 am   Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am   Worship 9:30 am   Facebook Worship Livestream 11:00 am   KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast 11:15 am   Worship at Messiah (Fingal) 2:00 pm   Worship at Legacy Place 3:00 pm   Worship at St Raphael 6:00 pm   Community Closet Set Up
MON:	5:00 pm   Community Closet
TUES:	9:00 am   Quilters 10:30 am   Staff Meeting 12:30 pm   Vacation Bible School at OSLC
WEDS:	9:30 am   Bible Study 12:30 pm   Vacation Bible School at OSLC
THURS:	12:30 pm   Vacation Bible School at OSLC 2:00 pm   Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:45 pm   Executive Team
FRI:	11:00 am   Sack Lunch Program
SAT:	7:30 am   Men’s Bible Fellowship 8:00 am   Eastern ND Synod Assembly, Fargo
SUN (6/8):	8:00 am   Eastern ND Synod Assembly, Fargo 8:45 am   Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am   Worship led by Lay Members, no Holy Communion 9:30 am   Facebook Worship Livestream 11:00 am   KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast