



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 3rd, 2026 + 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM(\*please rise in body or spirit)

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

OSCL Sunday School Kids

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(\*please rise in body or spirit)**

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John:14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that

where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“You Are the Way”**

**#758**

#### **APOSTLES CREED(\*please rise in body or spirit)**

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#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Each petition concludes: “Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**”*

*The final petition: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.***

#### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**

*(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)*

#### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**“More Precious than Silver”**

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#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.**

#### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

**"Lamb of God"**  
**"I Received the Living God" #477**  
**"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #645**

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### BLESSING FROM THE TABLE(\*please rise in body or spirit)

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

**"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

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### DISMISSAL

This worship is ended, Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Janet Brown in support of the ministry.

### **National Day of Prayer - May 7 at 12:15pm**

The Barnes County Ministerial Association is hosting a National Day of Prayer Observance on the Barnes County Courthouse Lawn. A meal sponsored by Leever's is being provided: Hotdogs, chips, watermelon, and bottled water. Free will donations accepted for the work of the Barnes County Ministerial Association. We give thanks that all people have the rights to pray and worship according to their faith tradition.

**Summer Youth Trip July 20-21** - OSLC youth and friends in grades 7-12! Sign up now! Join Kyla on a two-day trip to Minneapolis and enjoy time volunteering at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children as well as Valleyfair! Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

**Red Willow Bible Camp Sponsorship Code Forms** are now available and located on both youth bulletin boards! If your child plans to attend camp this summer, simply grab a form, complete it, and get it back to Kyla or the church office and then Kyla will be in touch with the OSLC code to register for camp. Contact Kyla with any questions!

**The Annual WELCA Treasure Sale** was an awesome success! The ladies want to thank all who donated, all who helped set up, and everyone who attended and bought treasures and quilts. We hope you enjoyed the rolls and other refreshments.

**The Valley Troubadours** still have a couple of concert dates left on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary spring tour. They will be singing Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Valley City Connect Church and again Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Nome Schoolhouse. The concerts are free but a freewill offering will be taken.

**Displays in the Information Area:** Please take a moment to check out the displays in the Information Area bookcases. On the left side, Margaret Dahlberg has created a display detailing the stained glass windows in the chancel and nave of the church. There is also an information sheet explaining each window and the saints shown. On the right side, she has included information about the various outreach projects we here at OSLC participate in for World Relief. There is also an information sheet for those projects and how you can help.

**Would YOU like to be a Confirmation mentor?** We are looking for adults of all ages to be mentors to our 9th grade confirmation students as they prepare for their confirmation in October. The commitment is minimal; just four, one-hour conversations held between June and September. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kyla Fetsch.

**Bars of soap for global health packs:** the team here at OSLC that prepares Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief is looking for donations of bar soap. Any variety is accepted. They need 3,4 and/or 5 ounce sizes. The 3 oz size are packed 3 per kit and the 4 or 5 oz bars are packed 2 bars per kit. Please check out the Information Area display of the various kits we assemble for LWR. If you would like more information or to drop off items to donate, please contact Ann in the office.

**The Missionary Calendar for 2026 has been posted.** Be sure to stop by and sponsor a special day. The cost for each day is \$25.

**Ann will be gone Thursday and Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** so we are looking for someone to staff the office from 9 am to noon. No office work is required, simply answer the phone and be a presence in the building. You are free to read a book and there may be some easy assembly tasks to do. Please call the office if you are able to help us out one of those days.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another.** Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for the Rich & Karen Schueneman, Andrew & Melinda Schwab, Jordet Schwehr, Dewey & Kristi Schweitzer and Kasey Skalicky families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

### **A look ahead at the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 am | Last Day of Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters  
12:00 pm | Ministerial meeting  
12:30 am | Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study  
4:30 pm | Exec Team  
6:30 pm | Confirmation (at Jefferson Elementary Parking Lot)  
6:45 pm | Sr High Youth Group (at Jefferson Elementary Parking Lot)  
7:00 pm | Crop Walk

THURS: 12:15 pm | National Day of Prayer (Courthouse Lawn)

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (5/10): 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast