

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026, 9:30AM**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Liz Bahr, Cantor | Judi Winkler, Custodian

Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. We will share holy Communion; you are welcome to participate.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Cantor: Liz Bahr

Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

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Pianist: Mary Stutesman

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessing, Honor, and Glory

ELW #433

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.

Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!

Seated upon the throne, his is the Lamb of God!

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.

Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!

Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.

Holy righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

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.

READING—1 Peter 2: 2—10

A reading from 1 Peter.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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."

⁷ 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,"

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bring Many Names

ACS #1094 vs. 1, 5, 6

Bring Many Names



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

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CREED

**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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS *Neither Death Nor Life* ELW #622 refrain only

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

God of glory, you have built your church upon Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to participate in worship today.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and + grant you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

DISMISSAL

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world.

Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY!

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:15am – Sanctuary

Calling all little hands and big hearts! Infants, toddlers, and elementary-age kids are invited to explore fun, exciting ways to praise and serve God. Sing, pray, learn, and play together as we grow in faith—no experience needed, just curiosity and smiles!

OSLC HIKING GROUP MEETS TODAY!

Sunday, May 3, 1:30pm—Gundersen Health Walking Path

Join us for a relaxed afternoon hike! Whether you're a beginner, a seasoned walker, or somewhere in between, all are welcome.

We'll start at the Gundersen Health Complex (Parking Lot F) and follow the paved path along the river toward Green Island Park, passing Eagle Crest South before looping back. The total distance is about one mile.

Come enjoy fresh air, good company, and a beautiful walk along the river!

DORCAS SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for the May meeting as we gather for a regular business meeting. Your ideas and participation are always appreciated! Whether you attend regularly or joining us for the first time, you are warmly invited to come and be part of the conversation and community.

MAY DONATION DRIVE —PASTA FOR COME FOR SUPPER

This May, we're collecting spaghetti and egg noodles to support our Come For Supper ministry. These simple staples help create hearty, comforting meals for our neighbors and community.

Donations can be placed on the counter in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Thank you for helping us share good food and fellowship—one meal at a time!

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, May 16, 4:30 – 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for a cozy family movie night fun for all ages and stages! Enjoy a light dinner and snacks while we relax and watch a great film together. For more information, please call/text Jessica at [608.782.3468](tel:608.782.3468).

SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION!

Sunday, May 17, 2026

We invite you to join us as we celebrate and honor the Norwegian heritage that is an important part of our congregation's history. Our worship will include a spirit of gratitude and celebration, and all are invited to stay following the service for a joyful potluck meal and time of fellowship.

If you're able, please bring a dish to share—perhaps a favorite Norwegian recipe, something that reflects your own cultural heritage, or a beloved classic from an old church cookbook. However you choose to contribute, your presence (and your plate!) helps make this celebration special.

SAVE THE DATE – CHURCH PICNIC

Sat., June 13, 11:30am – All Abilities Trane Park Pavillion (15th & Chase Sts.)

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled afternoon together at All Abilities Trane Park! W-ELCA is firing up the grill with hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share (beans, salad, or dessert) and a lawn chair to kick back and relax. Good food, great company, and plenty of smiles – what more could you want? 😊 This event is sponsored by Our Savior's W-ELCA to bring our church family together for some fun and shared time together.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the Special Congregational Meeting and took part in this important conversation. As we move forward with the approved building project—replacement of the boiler pumps and motors and creating a task force for updates to the church's exterior entry doors—we have established a designated giving fund: **"Doors & Pumps."**

If you feel called to support these efforts, you may contribute to the *Doors & Pumps* fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our church home.

VISUAL ART

In today's first reading Luke describes the martyrdom of Stephen, a first-century deacon, whose tasks for the church included assistance for the poor (see Acts 6:1-6). The great Rembrandt is one of many artists who painted this narrative. In 1625 Rembrandt depicted Stephen attired as a seventeenth-century deacon, vested for his assistant's role at the altar.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Transition Task Force
1:30pm OSLC Hiking Group
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
6pm Dorcas Society

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, Athena Burg, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cassie, Cathy Ofte, Cindy Moe, Dan Odenbach, Danielle Sorenson, Dave Kjos, Erik Rudrud, Esther Harman, Eugene Herold, Gabe Centanni, George, Jane & Michael Speer, Jean Koll, Jeannie White, Jeff Kent, Pastor Joanne, Jon Zinniel, Joshua, Jim Garson, Jim Radatz, Juliana Andrews, Karen Geoglein, Katie White, Lane C., Lois Horne, Kelly Olson, Mary Covey, Monica & Jack D., Morris Buros, Pamela Mathis, Peggy Kneifl, Roger Loing, Rose Sabotta, Roxanne North, Sandy Kjos, Sonja Simonson-Schrag, Pastor Steve Minnema, and Tom Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Debe, and Ardelle Ender

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Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Katlyn Becker May 8
Shelley Dolan May 9
Suzanne Morgan May 9
Thomas Culver May 10
Kyle Heser May 10