

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



*In God, we live,
we move, we have
our being*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Cantor: Liz Bahr

Coffee Fellowship: Dorcas Society

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

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Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Walter Chalmers Smith

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.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

ACS #980

Word of mercy, unite us, inspire us)

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -". The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and single notes.

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

The second system of music continues the vocal line from the first system. The lyrics are "scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'". The musical notation includes a slur over the notes for "Je - sus'".

name. (hm)

The third system of music shows the end of the piece. The vocal line has a fermata over the word "name." and a final note. The piano accompaniment has a fermata over the final chord. There are some markings above and below the staves, possibly indicating breath marks or performance instructions.

**Additional verses ad lib:*
Come, Breath of heaven, . . .
Come, Word of mercy, . . .
Come, Fire of judgment, . . .
Come, great Creator, . . .
Come to unite us, . . .
Come to disturb us, . . .
Come to inspire us, . . .

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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GREETING

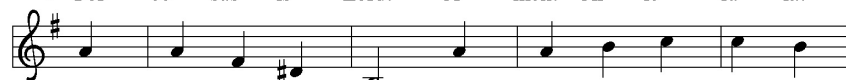
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Oh, Sing to the Lord
Cantad al Señor



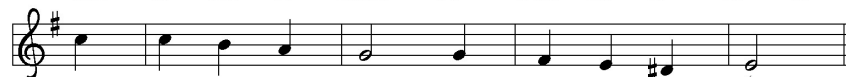
1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

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 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING—Acts 17: 22—31

A reading from Acts.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some

of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re - mem - ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
 2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
 3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com - mun - i - ty



with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re - vealed.
 Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with - in my heart.
 be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.



The cleans - ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
 His love be - came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
 His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees



gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
 His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
 prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter - life in me.

Refrain
 All



They were sing - ing wa - ter - life, be - gin - ning life, wa - ter - life



all my life, wa - ter - life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

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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.**

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 new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;

O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;

O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life a new;

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;

O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth;

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

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

SENDING SONG

The Peace of the Lord

ELW #646

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalter Project

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MOTHER'S DAY

At Our Savior's we recognize that there are all sorts of families - and there are all sorts of people who share maternal / mothering love. Regardless of gender or family relationship, we celebrate and give thanks for ALL those who have shared maternal love in our lives. We also recognize that this is a day that can bring up grief, hurt, and trauma for many, and we pray for all those for whom this holiday is difficult.

SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY!

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.

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY!

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

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!

BABY CARE KITS— 🌍 HELP SHARE GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD! 🌍

The Social Ministry Team invites congregation members to begin collecting items to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Care Kits. These Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. You can pick up a list of needed items (there is also a few handknit baby sweaters to get you started) at the display in the Narthex. After shopping, deliver you items back to the display before **Sun., Sept. 20**. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

🍽️ 🎬 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).

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.

RUMMAGE SALE – SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15

Join us for our annual Rummage Sale!

Bag Sale: Friday – \$5 per bag | Saturday – \$5 for 1–2 bags

Jewelry and select items will be individually priced.

Donation Drop-Off:

Monday, August 3 – Saturday, August 9, 9am–1pm only

No donations will be accepted during the week of setup.

Donation Guidelines:

We cannot accept car seats, electronics (including TVs and stereos), large appliances, or baby furniture.

Furniture donations are accepted by permission only.

Help Needed:

- Sunday, August 9 (after worship): Set up racks and tables
- Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13: Setup days
- Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15: Help during the sale
- Sunday, August 15: Cleanup following the sale

Thank you for supporting this event with your donations and time!

MAY DONATION DRIVE —PASTA FOR COME FOR SUPPER

This May, we're collecting spaghetti and egg noodles to support our Come For Supper ministry. Our goal is to collect **75 lbs. of pasta** to help create hearty, comforting meals for our neighbors and community—and thanks to your generosity, we've already collected 25 lbs.!. 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!***

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important conversation. The congregation approved the building project, including replacing boiler pumps and motors and forming a task force for exterior entry door improvements. A designated fund, "Doors & Pumps," has been created for those who wish to contribute. Thank you for your generosity and continued care for our church home.

🎲 GAME DAY 🎲

Sunday, May 24, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun-filled Game Day! All ages and stages are welcome—because everything's more exciting with a little friendly competition. 😊 Bring your favorite board game, a snack to share, or simply come as you are. There's a seat (and a game) for everyone!

🔥 COURTYARD FIRE PIT 🔥

Saturday, May 30, 6—8pm—Courtyard

Gather around the fire for a night of s'mores, grilled hot dogs, outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and your friends and family, for a cozy evening together.

PLAY-DOH PLAY

Sunday, May 31, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Stay after worship for some hands-on fun! All ages are invited to create, play, and enjoy fellowship with Play-Doh.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

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.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am Visitation
11am Ardelle Ender's Funeral
with luncheon following

Tuesday

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Sixth Wednesday of Easter

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
1pm Priscilla Circle

Thursday

Ascension Day

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open
4:30—6:30pm Dinner & Movie

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Syttende Mai Celebration

Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Syttende Mai Potluck
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, Athena Burg, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cassie, Cathy Ofte, Cindy Moe, Colleen Pitz, 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, Rick, 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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thomas Culver May 10
Kyle Hesper May 10
William Beranek May 12
Tom Herlitzke May 12
Cal Thorton May 13
Julie Huntington May 16

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet