

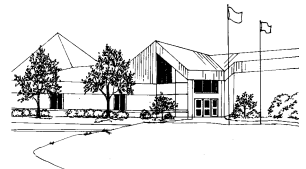
**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the LORD a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

At the end of Jesus' talk to the disciples, He promises "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). When we are filled with such joy, singing is inevitable. Much of today's worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Benediction—May the Peace of God" by K. Getty & S. Townend

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“Build My Life”

by B. Younker, K. Martin, K. E. Kaple,
M. Redman, & P. Barrett

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. Oh, we live for You.

Chorus Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me. *Repeat Chorus*

Bridge I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken. *Repeat Bridge*

Repeat Chorus twice.

Repeat Bridge once.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1–2, 4

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation;

People: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Pastor: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus Saves"

by T. Hughes & N. Herbert

Hope is here. Shout the news to ev'ryone,
It's a new day; peace has come, Jesus saves.
Mercy triumphs at the cross,
Love has come to rescue us, Jesus saves.

Hope is here; What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join with heaven's song...

Chorus 1: To let all the world know that Jesus saves!
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!

Free at last; Ev'ry debt has been repaid,
Broken hearts can be remade, Jesus saves.
See above the storms of life,
See it through the darkest night, Jesus saves.

Free at last; What a joyful noise we'll make
And we join with heaven's song...

Chorus 2: To let all the world know that Jesus saves!
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!
Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves!
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!

Bridge: You save, You heal, restore, reveal the Father's heart to us.
You rose to raise us from the grave; His spirit lives in us.

Final Chorus: Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves!
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!
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Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves!

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FIRST READING

The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been given to Gentiles.

Acts 11:1–18

Reader: Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM—HOSANNA CHOIR “Lord, We Come to Praise You”

by H. Hopson

EPISTLE READING

God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:1–7

Reader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I

will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.

John 16:12–22

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

by J. Robinson, M. Farren, R. Thompson

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Psalm 98:1

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.

People: **In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor: For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.

People: In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!

Pastor: For those who are ill and those who care for them, [*including . . .*], that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.

People: In their relief may they sing a new song with us!

Pastor: For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

People: In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!

Pastor: These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore joining the six-winged seraphim Isaiah saw, saying,

People: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ☩

body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE and AGNUS DEI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

SONG

“O Come to the Altar”

by C. Brown, M. Brock, S. Furtick, & W. Joye

**Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.**

Chorus **O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.**

Chorus twice

Bridge **Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Repeat**

Chorus twice

**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.**

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith that we may join the rest of Your good creation in singing Your praises at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Benediction—May the Peace of God”

by K. Getty & S. Townend

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

**Chorus: And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain--
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

Chorus

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SILENT PRAYER

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Readings for next Sunday, 5/25

Acts 16:9–15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

John 16:23–33
