

**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.**



Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

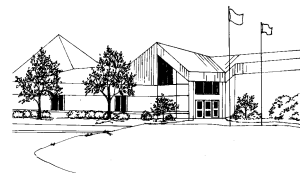
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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

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 In our world of constant change and abundant challenges to our faith, we often feel alone, and fear causes us to question where God is and what He is doing. Our Good Shepherd has pledged never to abandon us but to be with us always. More than this, He has promised that no one can snatch us from His hand. He is the powerful Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Because of the investment He has made in us, He does not surrender us to temptation, trouble, trial, or test.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING ANTHEM

“My Shepherd”

by R. Artman

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Based on Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: **we have turned every one to his own way;**

Pastor: and the LORD has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross

People: **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Silence for reflection and examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

“Forever Reign”

by R. Morgan & J. Ingram

**You are good, You are good,
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love,
On display for all to see.**

**You are light, You are light,
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.**

**You are peace, You are peace,
When my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true,
Even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy,
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost it's sting.**

Chorus

**Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms,
The riches of Your love
Will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.**

**You are more, You are more,
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord,
All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go. *Chorus twice***

Bridge

**My heart will sing
No other Name.
Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing
No other Name.
Jesus, Jesus. *Repeat bridge***

*Chorus twice
Repeat Bridge*

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FIRST READING

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.”

Acts 20:17–35

Reader: Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**People: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

**People: you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

EPISTLE READING *The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.* **Revelation 7:9-17**

Reader: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL *No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.* **John 10:22-30**

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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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

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O loving and gentle Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: 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 Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth! Our hearts delight in You! Your words give us joy, assuring us of the victory of the cross, where Your Son conquered both sin and death. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we remember Your steadfast love, new to us every morning! Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we honor and praise You, O Lord, rejoicing in the goodness You now prepare our hearts to receive. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

“Sweet Jesus”

by M. West, T. Wood, T. Smith

**Sweet Jesus, my Savior,
You are my faithful Friend.
You made me, You know me,
You've seen my ev'ry sin.
My soul is amazed
By the gift of Your grace,
And the arms that take me in.
Sweet Jesus, my Savior,
You are my faithful Friend.**

**Sweet Jesus, my shelter,
You are my faithful Friend,
The refuge that I run to
When the world comes closing in.
Why should I be afraid
When I know I am saved
By the arms that take me in?
Sweet Jesus, my shelter,
You are my faithful Friend.**

**Sweet Jesus, my Shepherd,
You are my faithful Friend.
You hold me, You lead me;
I'll follow to the end.
And once more I will say
On that beautiful day,
When Your arms take me in:
Sweet Jesus. my Shepherd,
You are my faithful Friend.
Sweet Jesus. my Shepherd,
You are my faithful Friend.**

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SONG

“You Make Me Lie Down in Green Pastures”

by K. Zuziak

**You make me lie down in green pastures.
You make me wanting for nothing.
You fill my hunger with honey from Your sweet, sweet Word.
You let me worship before You, so I can love and adore You.
You are my Shepherd. You are my Jesus. You are my Lord. *(repeat)***

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Please stand.

BENEDICTION

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

“You Never Let Go”

by M. & B. Redman

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I’m caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won’t turn back, I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus: Oh no, You never let go, Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go, In every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
We’ll live to know You here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear? *Chorus*

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You. *repeat*

Chorus

Lord, You never let go of me.

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Readings for next Sunday, 5/18:

Acts 11:1–18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1–7

John 16:12–22
