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Welcome to Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**. The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

Prelude

O Jesus, I Have Promised
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Melissa Blanton

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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Gathering Song

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

- 1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;

send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contredansen, 1710;
arr. Julius Rontegen, 1855 - 1932. Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.

Invocation

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.

Kyrie setting 4

ELW p. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Canticle of Praise

This Is the Feast

ELW p. 149

This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- 2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.

Final This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Prayer of the Day

*O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open
the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

P: The gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:13-35

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Ben Sloss

Hymn of the Day

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" Ray Makeever, b. 1943 © Ray
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Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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 into hell. 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.**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering

Taste and See
Sanctuary Choir

James E. Moore

"Taste and See," James E. Moore. © 1983 GIA Publications.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

hymnal p. 206

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.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

"Come, Let Us Eat" Text: Billema Kwilla, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Music: Billema Kwilla, adapt. Text sts. 1-3 and tune © Lutheran

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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.

WE ARE SENT

Responsive Sending

People of God, we are called into Life Together...

Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.

Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...

Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.

We are not church alone—we are church together...

Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.

The Spirit forms us into a community of care...

Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.

In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...

Christ is made known among us.

So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...

To live *Life Together*, to *Know Jesus*, and *Make Jesus Known*. 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 Song

Because He Lives

Gaither

- 1 God sent His Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living
just because He lives.

- 3 And then one day I'll cross that river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know he reigns. *Chorus*

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Cam Green, piano

arr. Judith Maggs

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" arr. Judith L. Maggs © 2024
Judith L. Maggs.

Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Tom Williams and those named silently in our hearts.

Pastoral Team Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com
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Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

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Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at <https://oursaviours.com/home/news-events>.

Upcoming special events & opportunities!

- **Dialogues in Faith: Starting on April 12**, DIF will launch a four-week book series on "Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus," by Elaine Pagels. Explore some of the major questions around Jesus with us! You are invited whether or not you've read the book.
- **Art Gallery Q&A: Sunday, April 19, 10:15-11:15 am**. Come meet our exhibiting artist/photographer, Craig Pynn, in the OSLC Art Gallery.
- Wednesday, April 22, Pastor Elisabeth and Diane Griesbach, Life Events Coordinator, will lead a **Funeral Planning workshop** at 6:30 pm in the Advent Room. Making plans for your funeral is a gift to your family and will help reduce stress for them.

- **Women's Ministry Tea Party "Sipping on Serenity"**, Saturday, Apr 25, from 11 - 1 p.m., Fellowship Center. Come celebrate the beauty and grace of womanhood at our charming gathering. The cost is \$30. Attire: Feel free to wear your favorite hat, Easter Bonnet, or fascinator. Pay at the door or on Realm. We will have door prizes, plant donations, and photos taken.
- **Holden Village Evening Prayer** Event: Tuesday, April 28, 7 pm, Our Saviour's Campus. Virtual viewing party, join congregations worldwide for a special celebration of the Holden Evening Prayer. Together, we'll share in this beloved service, uniting in prayer, music, and reflection. Come be a part of this meaningful evening and experience the beauty of a shared tradition.
- **Just Move Workshop & Lunch (all ages)**, Sunday, May 3, from noon - 1:30 pm Our Saviour's Campus. Working toward racial justice through music, storytelling, and honest conversation with David Scherer. See the website for more information.
- **Plant Sale:** pickup *Saturday, May 9*, from 10 am to 2 pm, Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Held by Grace**, a wellness gathering for moms of all ages. Saturday, May 9, from 2 - 5 pm. See our website for more information and to register.
- **VBS - JUST LIKE ME:** An inclusive, 5-day experience for pre-K through 5th grade! Will take place *June 22-26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.* VBS Sunday at Celebration during the 10 a.m. service on June 28. Picnic lunch and games to follow! Register to volunteer and/or participate on the website's News & Events Page.

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