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Welcome to Worship

Ascension of Our Lord

May 17, 2026, 11:00 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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" arranged by Cindy Berry, © 2013
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Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*P: 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

I Come With Joy

ELW 482

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

"I Come with Joy" Text: Brian A. Wren, B. 1936 music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835. Text: © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company.

Invocation

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

C: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

Glory to God

ELW p. 167

Refrain Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

P: *Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

NRSVue

L: *The word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 171

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 24:44-53

P: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Brian Wise

Hymn of the Day

Christ Our Peace

Marty Haugen

Christ, our peace, you break down the wall that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you. *Repeat*

"Christ, Our Peace" Marty Haugen © 2007 GIA Publications.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: *Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

C: **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

L: *Merciful God,*

C: **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. John Turner

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" arranged by John Turner © 2013 Lorenz Publishing.

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (responsively)

ELW p. 172

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you**

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 173

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

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

C: **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 Hymn

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

- 1 Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!"
- 2 We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing,
which never will depart.
- 3 We are your own forever; until our final breath
we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death
depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" Tune: Fans Mikael Franzen,
1772-1847; tr. composite. Music: H. Thomisson, Den danske
Psalebog, 1569. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

Life Together Responsive Sending

- P: *People of God, we are called into Life Together...*
C: Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.
P: *Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...*
C: Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.
P: *We are not church alone—we are church together...*
C: Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.
P: *The Spirit forms us into a community of care...*
C: Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.
P: *In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...*
C: Christ is made known among us.
P: *So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...*
C: To live Life Together, to Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389, vs 1, 3, 5

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936.
Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789. Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company.

Dismissal

- L: *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude

Ensemble Reprise

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

This Week in Prayers:

We comfort the grieving family of Kelly and Steve Gilligan as they mourn the death of her father, Neil Springer. And to Jack and Margie Ehler on the death of Martie's brother-in-law, Terry Waddle.

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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. Communion is by intinction (dipping the bread/wafer). We offer wine (red) and grape juice (white), gluten-free at every station. If you like private prayer, please visit our prayer minister in the back; you can find them by the cross on a red ribbon around their neck.

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 and speak with Pastor Ben.

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: <https://oursaviours.com/home/news-events>.

- **Dusek School & Childcare Center in Uganda Fundraiser:** Coffee and Chocolate orders from two weeks ago are available for pickup in the Narthex or CC-Lobby this weekend.
- **Banned Book Club:** *Monday, May 18, 7 pm - 8 pm* in the Our Saviour's Campus Advent Room. Come discuss *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Come even if you haven't read the book by the meeting date. RSVP to Kelly Holden at kholden614@yahoo.com. Future Banned Book Club book recommendations (or simply recommendations for interesting titles) are always welcome!
- **Caregiver's Journey: Friday, May 22, 9 am - 11 am**, Our Saviour's Campus. A supportive group for caregivers to share, learn, and renew—whether caring for a spouse, child, parent, or loved one. If interested, please contact Laura Weren (former Healthcare/Nursing Home Administrator), Barb Paccione (former Director of Nursing), or Lin Schollmeyer for more information
- **Two pre-annual meeting forums** where you can hear from Council members and the Treasurer about the new budget, new stewardship/endowment members, and the Acts of Compassion and Service resolution. There will also be time for Q&A. The dates for these informational forums are **Wednesday**,

May 20, at 7 pm in person at the OS Campus, and on **Thursday, May 28**, at 7 pm via Zoom (link available on our website's News-Events page)

- **Annual Meeting**, our ONE worship service, and Annual Meeting on *Sunday, May 31*. *Worship will be at 9 a.m.* at the OS Campus (**no Saturday worship that weekend**), and our Annual Meeting will follow at 10:15 a.m.
- **Five Slovak Students will be visiting in June** - Help create a home away from home! Two opportunities: *June 2-18 or June 18-July 2*. There are many ways to get involved: host a student for two weeks, donate tickets or experiences, help with transportation, organize an outing, or simply help create a warm and welcoming environment. See the website for more information.
- **Mega Garage Sale** is coming June 5-6! Year after year, this community shows up, turning donated items, volunteer hours, and shared effort into meaningful support for ministries and mission partners locally and globally. 100% of the proceeds are given to ministries serving others near and far. If you are interested in dropping off donations or volunteering, those dates are May 26–June 4. Please sign up to volunteer on the Mega Garage Sale tab on our website.
- **“Just Like Me” VBS** - June 22 - 26, 9 am - noon, OS Campus. VBS at Celebration worship *Sunday, June 28, 10 am*, featuring music and stories for our week together. The service will be primarily led by our 5th-grade Leadership Track participants. Worship is followed by lunch and the “Just Like Me Walk, Roll & Run in Color” in the Celebration parking lot.

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