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Welcome to Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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

King of Kings
Bach Ringers

Robert J. Ward

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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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Text: Robert Robinson,
1735-1790; alt. Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

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.**

Kyrie setting 4

ELW p. 147

- L:** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L:** *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L:** *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.*
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L:** *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L:** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*
- C:** **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

This Is the Feast

ELW p. 149

- L:** *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

THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 16

- L:** *The word of the Lord*
- C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW p. 151

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

The Holy Gospel

P: *The Gospel according to John.*

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:19-31

P: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Message

Pastor Brian Wise

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

"We Walk by Faith" Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt. Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

By Faith and Not By Sight
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

"By Faith and Not By Sight" Arranged by Lloyd Larson © 2009
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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.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927. © 1978
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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 - setting 4

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

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 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.

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us,
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us,
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *refrain*

- 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us,
We'll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified. *refrain*

"Here Is Bread" Graham Kendrick, b. 1950. (c) 1991 Make Way
Music (Admin. by Music Services in the Western Hemisphere.)

Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 772

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" Text: Elisha A. Hoffman,
1839-1929; Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924.

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

This is Joyful Eastertide
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. John Behnke

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

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This Week in Prayers:

As we celebrate with those graduating this season, give them courage, hope, and strength as they take the next faithful step in their life journey. Guide them in prayerful gratitude for the many blessings that have made this moment real, and may your grace and love be made manifest in the ways they make a difference in the world.

We continue to pray for Greg Norgaard, Cindy Halgrimson Waltzer, and those named silently in our hearts.

We comfort the family of Nancy Sayer as they mourn the death of her mother, Norma Prochaska. We lift the Wills and the Audlee families as they mourn the death of John Audlee Sr.

We rejoice at the baptism of Sophie Mae Fowler, daughter of Jennifer and Dalton Fowler. And with Sam and Shannon Norgaard at the birth of their son, Weston Alan Norgaard, proud grandparents are Janine and Greg Norgaard.

Congratulations to all our 2026 graduates and those honored during the 10:00 am worship!

Luke Adeli	Doug Hacker	Berit Mores
Bridget Battaglia	Collin Hay	Josiah Nothacker
Ennette Bednarz	Madeline Hay	Ella Sauri
Tabbi Bollendorf	Isabel Herscher	Emily Schnell
Zach Brabilla	TJ Hillman	Eileen Schuler
Emma Doyle	Gretchen Kallstrand	Brayden Tritt
Macy Fults	Paige Leppell	Cooper Van Kley
Lily Griffith	Samantha Michael	Brody Wozniak

Special thanks to our high school mentors:

Matt Cassity, Scott & Doreen Damge, Dawn Eickenberg, and B.J. Okel

Thank you to our beloved Karen (Kiki) Lindflott for her gift of leadership and ministry poured into the class of 2026 and to our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Director, Brittany Sheldon.

We also thank Jill Ryan and her crew for lovingly making the Baccalaureate Blankets and all the generous individuals who donated food for our Baccalaureate reception.

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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

Ways to Give: Offering plate

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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>.

- **Baccalaureate:** *Sunday, April 26, 10 am* at Celebration Campus. Reception to follow.
- **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.
- **Baby Care Ministry: Quilt Raffle,** with a beautiful, handcrafted quilt ready to find its new home. Raffle tickets will be available (\$5/ticket, \$20/5 tickets) on *Sunday, April 26,* and *May 10* at the Our Saviour's Campus, and *Sunday, May 3,* at Celebration. Drawing to be held *Sunday, May 10* (Mother's Day).
- **Support the Dusek School & Childcare Center in Ibanda, Uganda:** *Sunday, April 26,* at both campuses. Now serving over 1,300 students and growing! We're raising funds to complete a new three-story student building, expand classroom space, and add a library, computer lab, kitchen, and housing for exam-prep students. Donations will help purchase essential materials, such as concrete and rebar, ahead of the dry construction season. Stop by our table to learn more, support the project, and enjoy a sample of fresh Ugandan coffee, available for purchase.
- **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.
- **Braver Angels Workshop:** *Saturday, May 2, 9 am -11 am,* the Our Saviour's Campus. A free, in-person "Skills for Disagreeing Better" workshop that teaches practical ways to navigate political and personal disagreements with understanding, strong listening, and respectful communication. Steve Spayer, John Hildner, and Jim Bono would like to personally invite you to attend! Register on our website.
- **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.
- **Versiti Blood Drive,** Our Saviour's Campus, *Tuesday, May 12, from Noon to 4:30 pm.* Register on our website - walk-ins welcome.
- **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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