Sunday, May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Website: oursaviorswymore.com
8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship
Faith Formation 5:30 PM Wednesdays

Pastor Gary Grinvalds

Organist: Alice Meints or Sandy Eltiste

Introduction to the day

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

*Please Stand
Congregational responses in **bold** print

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!
Amen.
Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.
Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN** **ELW 558**

Lord God, We Praise You

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

***GREETING**

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** **LBW pg 57**

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 7:55-60
Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.
55 Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw
the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man
standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears,
and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they
dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the
witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.
59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud
voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said
this, he died.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 **Read Responsively**

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to
shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
2 **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

15 **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND LESSON: 1PETER 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS SERMON

***GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14**

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are
many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that
I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that
where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the
place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not
know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus
said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes
to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know
my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen
him."

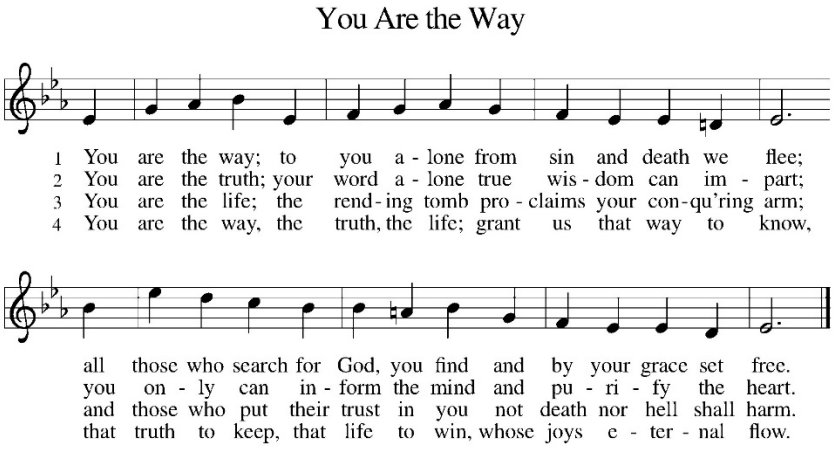
8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be
satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time,
Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has
seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you
not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The
words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father
who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe
because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one
who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact,
will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be
glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I
will do it."

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **PASTOR GARY GRINVALDS**

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 758**



Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***THE PRAYERS**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

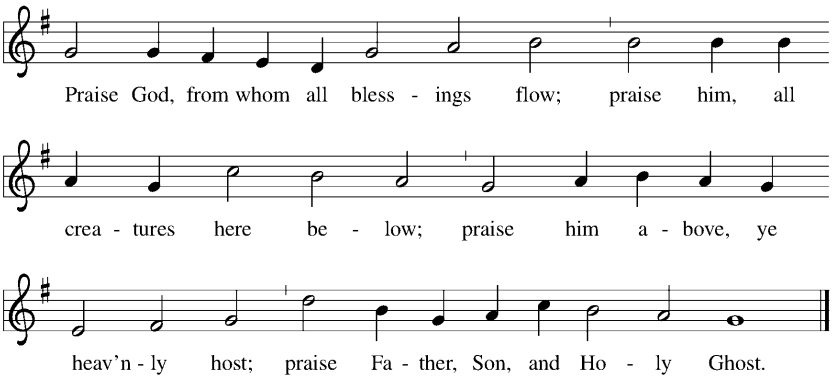
Amen.

***PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

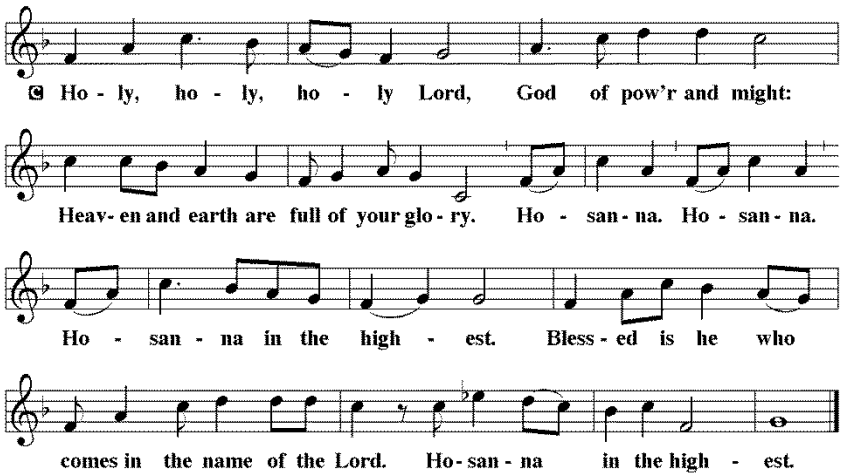
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

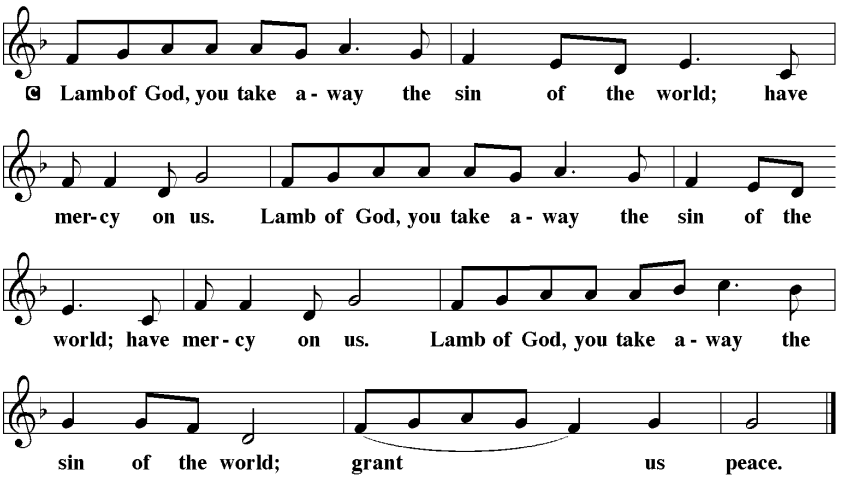
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

***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.

***INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**
Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD) ~ HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN **ELW 810**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

***BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

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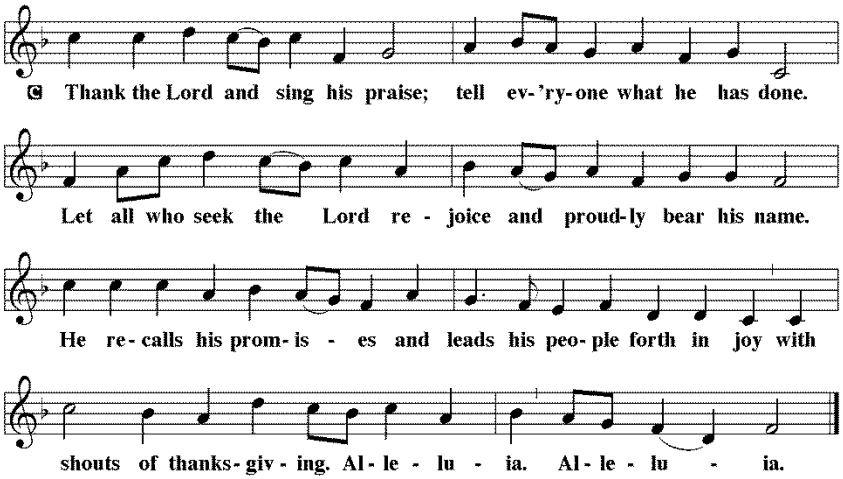

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

***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 HYMN **ELW 389**

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder of church coffee at 10 a.m. this Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Bible Study will be held this Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

June 14—A joint church service will be held with American Lutheran Church of Filley at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's. Stay after the service, and enjoy fellowship and a potluck dinner. Hamburgers, hot dogs & brats will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs and yard games.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-9, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

If you have a key to the church, please let Pam know what number it is. We would like to compile an accurate list of who has keys. Thanks. (We won't take it away from you.)

There are sign up sheets on the table in the entryway for the classes that Pastor is offering to the congregation. If you are interested in any of these, please sign up. There are also descriptions of each class beneath the sign up sheet.

Upcoming Community coffees are as follows:
May 8—Lauby Plumbing
May 15—Gage County Sheriff at Park Lodge
May 22—Cottonwood Hospice at Park Lodge
May 29—Wymore Head Start

Remembered in Our Prayers:
Kent Hohensee Kathleen Remmers Kai Spann

Pastor Gary: Phone: (402) 658-2253
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If you wish to have Pastor visit you, please contact him to set up a time. Sunday afternoon & Thursday are his open days.

Your Council leaders are:
President: Josh Schmidt (402) 520-0950
Vice President: Chavonn Mailahn (308) 214-0039
Secretary: Rachel Frerichs (402) 239-0466
At Large: Roger Henrichs (402) 239-7740
Erin Saathoff (402) 239-9117
Jodi Wegner (402) 223-8263
Council meetings are now held on the 3rd Thursday of each month after Bible Study.

Church Account Balance:	03/31/2026:	$46,670.42
Church Offerings:	04/02/2026:	$ 204.00
	04/05/2026:	$ 1,363.00
	04/12/2026:	$ 1,020.00
	04/19/2026:	$ 294.00

Attendance 04/26/2026: 31

May Birthdays
03 Kinslee Frerichs
07 Kaiden Allington
13 Erin Saathoff
15 Drake Adams
15 Maxine Trauernicht
18 Ella Benninghaus
21 Lainey Trauernicht
24 Karen Klover
27 Tyler Dieter
29 Kaylee Klover

Anniversaries
02 Jeff & Chavonn Mailahn
02 John & Carmen McKeever
05 Reese & Dani (Michaelis) Benninghaus
07 Tyler & Kelly Dieter
07 Paul & Janet Meints

Please have any announcements for the bulletin to Pam by Wednesday noon each week. You may text or call her at (402) 239-2715 or send an email to the church at oursaviorslutheranwymore@gmail.com. Thank you.