



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

***Our Mission: Being church in church and after church together!***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ May 11, 2025***

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*Welcome to worship! We celebrate Holy Communion at each service. Guests and visitors are always welcome and we are filled with joy at your presence with us! The “pray-ground” near the organ is available for those families with little ones to sit and enjoy while being part of our worship. A Parent Room is also available for your use if your child just needs a space of their own! Ushers are available if you need any assistance or have any questions.*

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## **PRELUDE & WELCOME**

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
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**\*GATHERING SONG:** King of Love #502 (vs 1,2,5,6P)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray:* Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you to care for all that are close to us, to protect those who are threatened, to welcome those who are rejected, to forgive those who are burdened by guilt, to heal those who are broken and sick, to share with those who have little or nothing, to take the time to really know one another and love as you have loved us. In the name of Jesus we pray: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 9:36-43 *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.* Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He

turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Celtic Alleluia #174

**\*EASTER GOSPEL:** John 10:22-30 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord!*

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ!**

**\*SIGN OF PEACE:** *We exchange the peace of the Risen Christ with one another.*

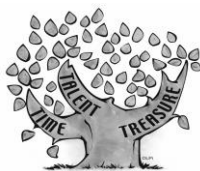
**THE HOMILY:** OSLC Women of Faith Reflections

**BAPTISM RENEWAL:** *In the waters of the Easter season, we renew our baptismal promises. Please respond “We do.”*



**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up our prayers and needs of the church and community. Our spoken response is “Alleluia, hear our prayer.”*

**OFFERING** ~ *We are grateful for your presence today and we never want you to feel obligated to give. Our parishioners are responsible for supporting our ministry and mission through their gifts to God. If you would like to give a gift today, you are welcome to place it in the offering box in the center aisle. Any gifts placed into Noah’s Ark through the Easter Season will go towards Hephatha Lutheran Church in honor of David and Nancy Slinde!*



**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray together:

**O God, we offer back with joy this day our lives and our offerings- gifts themselves from You. Receive us and these gifts as we strive to live in the life of the Resurrection! Together we say: Amen!**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Jesus’ words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *We pray the words of new life that Jesus gave us.*

**\*HOLY COMMUNION:** Christ invites all of God’s people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**A Word about Communion here at OSLC...**

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive baked bread and then dip that bread into the glass of red wine or juice. Gluten free bread is available as well. For those who prefer, communion kits are available in a basket near the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!*

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his resurrected grace. **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** *Let us pray together:* **You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need. As You renew our strength through this holy meal, continue to guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name. We pray in the name of Jesus: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*FINAL BLESSING:** As you go on your way...**Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG:** Lord Dismiss us with Your Blessing #545

**\*EASTER PROCLAMATION:** Alleluia! With the Good Shepherd guiding us, let's go be church after church! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***Welcome to Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church! Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome. Come back and pray with us!***

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