

Our Mission: Being church in church and after church together! **Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 25, 2025**

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. The Children's Library 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.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Indicates to stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN: Jerusalem, My Happy Home #628

* GREETING: The Lord is with you. And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray together:

O Beloved One, your desire for us in Christ Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate promised us. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our fears. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word so that we may be your dwelling place in this world. We pray through the One we claim Risen, Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen!

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia #174

*SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: John 14:23-29 The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord! Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ!

SIGN OF PEACE: With the words of the gospel on our hearts, we exchange gestures of peace to all those around us!

THE HOMILY: Pastor David Schoob, Trinity Lutheran Church

SONG OF THE DAY: Heal Our Land

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES: In the Easter waters, we remember and renew our new life in Christ. Answer "I do" to each of the questions.

*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!

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

*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 light 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 SONGS: Holy Spirit, There Is a Reason

*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: Loving God, in this Easter season help us to trust in your presence so that we can declare and deliver your boundless peace to all we meet. In the name of Jesus our Risen Lord and Savior we pray: Amen!

*FINAL BLESSING: As you go on your way (Sung Blessing)... AMEN!

***SENDING SONG:** Testify to Love

*EASTER PROCLAMATION: Alleluia! Go with the peace of the Risen Christ to 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!

Reader: