



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 13, 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*

**\*WELCOME SUNG REFRAIN: #641** *...All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!*

**\*SIGN OF THE CROSS:** *We remember our baptismal calling.*

**\*GREETING:** *...and also with you*

**\*GATHERING SONG:**      **You Say**

**\*CONFESSION/KYRIE:** *We confess and receive God's forgiveness. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray:*

Gracious God, in the quiet we recall that we are your beloved children. Help us hit the pause so that we can be free to ask hard questions about life, ourselves, faith and even you. Grow our awareness of your presence and love so that we can courageously face any suffering, grief or harm we have done to others or ourselves. May we find our freedom and wholeness in you. We pray together in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord: **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE MEDLEY:** *(We will hear selections from the Old and New Testament).*

*The prophet Jeremiah (6:16) preached ~ This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths. Where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. And from the Gospel of Luke we hear: Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." From Mark 1:35 we hear: In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. Luke 6:12 says Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. Matthew 7:7-8 reminds us: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Lastly Revelation 3:20 states: "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

**\*SIGN OF PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *(Greet one another with a gesture of peace.)*

**THE HOMILY:**     *Pastor Ann Walsvik, "Hitting the Pause!"*

## **SONG OF THE DAY: Desperate**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up our prayers and needs of the church and community. Our spoken response is “**Lord, 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. Our Noah’s Ark outreach throughout the summer will go towards “The Welcome Network,” a nonprofit organization focused on welcoming and serving newcomers with language and cultural challenges to the greater West Bend area.*

**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 share Your presence with the world! In the name of Jesus we pray: 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.**

## **COMMUNION SONGS: Your Hands, In Love for Me**

### **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:* Blessed One, your love is a powerful force in the world, stronger than hatred or fear or greed. This sacred meal inspires us and makes us able to share generously the gifts we have received from you. Help us simply pause to reclaim our belovedness as your children. In the name of Jesus we pray: **Amen!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Hear what's going on at OSLC!*

**\*FINAL BLESSING:** As you go.... **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG:** Hope Now

**\*SENDING PROCLAMATION:** As God's beloved made whole and forgiven, let's go be church after church!! **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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