



HE LIVES TO GIVE ME PROOF AND PEACE

The Coming of the Holy Spirit—The Festival of Pentecost

May 28, 2023



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

NEW TO OUR SAVIOR? We are excited that you have joined us for worship today. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. If you need assistance during the service, an usher located in the back will be able to assist you.

Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card—if you would prefer to fill it out online, scan the code with your phone, or go to OurSaviorBirmingham.com/Connect. You can put the Connect Card in the offering plate or give it to an usher as you leave.



SCAN ME

FAMILIES WITH KIDS: We think it is important for families to worship together regularly. We know that occasionally, kids are going to have a rough morning. If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for today's service. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

AN OFFERING will be gathered during our worship service today. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated or compelled to participate. If you would like to give an offering that supports the ministry work at Our Savior, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:

- (1) place your offering into the offering plate,
- (2) you can scan this QR code to take you to our secure, online giving site where you can give via credit card or ACH transfer.





BATHROOMS are located at the far end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary. There is a changing station located in Room 3 (Nursery).

FREE WIFI is available if you use an online Bible or Bible app on your phone or tablet. Look for the "OSLC-Guest" connection to get online!

AN AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is located in the fellowship hall, in the corner nearest the front door.

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He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit!

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. By pouring out his Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son.

Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. The early church fathers mention the Festival of Pentecost often enough to lead many to believe it was celebrated annually already at the time of the apostles. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, as well as the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Ushers: Larry Kiker, Tim Smith

Greeters:

Audio/Video/Livestream: Roger Benz, Marcus Kratz

Service Leader: Pastor Ben Kratz



The Service

Opening Hymn

477 O Day Full of Grace

Stand

Invocation

This comes from the latin “invoco” which describes the act of calling upon or asking for help or support. As we begin our worship, we call on the name of the triune God, who is our ever-present help and strength and in whose name we were baptized. The sign of the cross then reminds worshippers of their baptisms.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pentecost Dialogue

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

The Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever.”

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

Purified of our sin, we respond with a song of praise, based on the angel's song at Jesus' birth. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
high - est and peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther: re -
rit.
 ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
a tempo
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace, peace, peace, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The Word

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other – that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God's Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God's Word with power.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Following an ancient outline, the prayer of the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated



First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

In the Old Testament, God poured out his Spirit onto the prophets so they could reveal his will. On Pentecost, Jesus poured his Spirit onto the Church so they could proclaim his gospel to the world.

The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God's mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104

Psalm 104 reminds us of the blessings that come to all creation through the life-giving Spirit.

The Psalm is the most ancient part of our worship service. While most of our liturgy is 1,800 years old, Jews have been singing Psalms in worship for 3,000 years.

Refrain

Send forth your Spir - it, O LORD, and re -
new the face of the earth.
Send forth your Spir - it, O LORD, and re -
new the face of the earth.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul!
LORD God, how great you are,
wrapped in a garment of glory and might,
clothed in light as in a robe. (**Refrain**)
- 2 LORD, my God, great are your works!
In wisdom you made them all.
Rich is the earth and filled with your life.
Bless the LORD, O bless, my soul! (**Refrain**)
- 3 All of your creatures look to you
to give them their food in time.
You give with abundance, they gather it up,
by your hands they have their fill. (**Refrain**)

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

When God pours out his Spirit it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives his Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.

The Second Reading of Scripture is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Refrain



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Refrain

Gospel

John 7:37-39

Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with living water. Jesus kept this promise when he poured out his Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.



Sermon

John 7:37-39

The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

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NOTES:

SPIRITUAL THIRST QUENCHER

Spiritual thirst is the spiritual _____ or _____ for
_____ with God

The Holy Spirit _____ me to Jesus who _____ my spiritual thirst

The Holy Spirit _____ me to _____ the thirsty to Jesus

NOTES:

Stand

Creed *Credo*

The Third Article and Explanation

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

In the prayer of the Church, we pray for those in our congregation and for the needs and struggles of God's people around the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we thank you that you kept your promise and sent the Holy Spirit to your Church. Move us to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with special joy because you continue to send your Spirit to equip and empower us to be your witnesses in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The signs of fire and wind accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. We seek no signs but rely on your promise that the energy of the Spirit will encourage us as we believe and proclaim the good news.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

You, Lord Jesus, received the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit to equip you for your mission. Send those blessings to us, we pray. Cause your Spirit to rest on us and enrich us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Guide us to seek these gifts and use them as we share the message of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Through the power of the Spirit grant us a determined zeal to reach out to the lost. Give us courage to confess the truth clearly and compassion to confess the truth in love. Guide us as we encourage brothers and sisters to join us in your mission and enable us to work together to make disciples of all nations.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray that your Spirit may raise up many more men and women who are willing to be our voices in our nation and around the world. Prepare these witnesses in their education and life experiences to be able to reach out to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Keep them in your care as they serve in our place and for your cause.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Restrain the evil of Satan as we proclaim your truth. Protect all your people from social and physical persecution. When we endure the cross for following you, provide courage and patience. Safeguard our economy and guide our political leaders so that we may proclaim the gospel freely to all.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray each day that you keep in your care all who are enduring the troubles and tragedies of life: those whose bodies are racked with pain, those who struggle with depression and fear, those who endure the frustration of poverty, those who grieve because of a sudden loss, and those who are facing the reality of death. [*We pray especially for...*] Let your Spirit bring their prayers and ours to your Father's throne of grace.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord Jesus, continue to pour out your Holy Spirit that he may renew us with his pentecostal power. May his love ignite our hearts and his breath impel our steps to preach the gospel to every creature.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Offering

Our offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us, which we heard about in the readings and sermon. They are to be given on a regular basis and be the first fruits of what we receive. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The preface—words of dialogue between the pastor and the congregation—are some of the oldest in the Christian liturgy, dating back to 200 AD. They serve as a transition from the part of the service centered on the Word to the part centered on the meal that Christ instituted.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

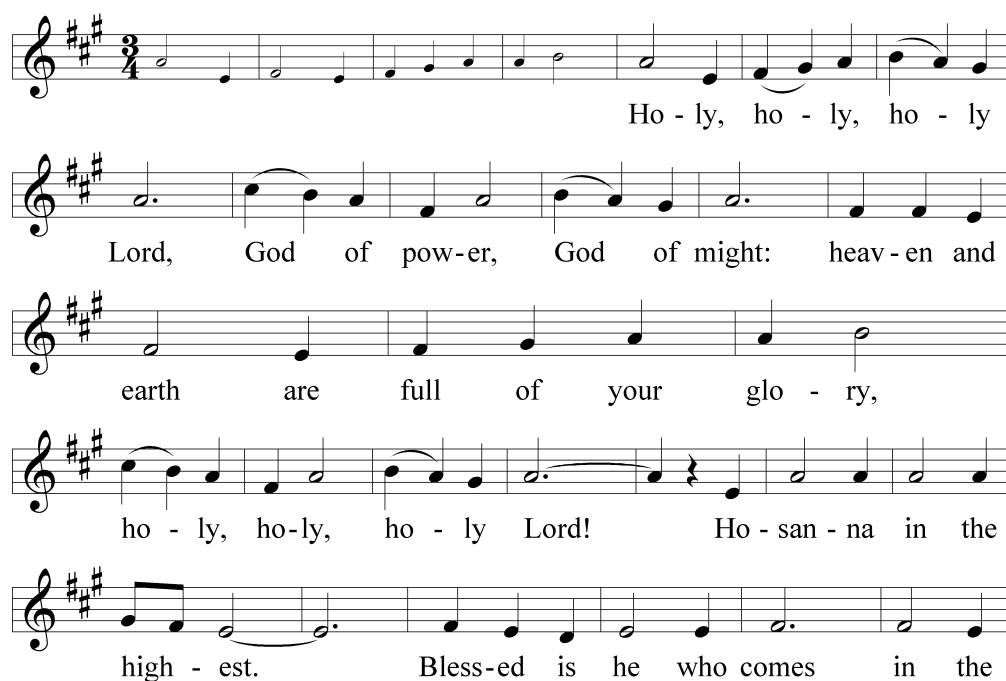
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century. It incorporates elements of Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. It is also known as the “Sanctus,” which means “holy.”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Lord, God of pow-er, God of might: heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." See Matthew 26:26.

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
 By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
 By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
 By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

In this prayer, we pray to "Our Father in heaven," reminding us that we are God's chosen and dearly loved children.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

The pastor proclaims peace to the people through the Pax Domini (Latin for "peace of the Lord"). Again, the worshipers receive absolution and assurance that God's presence and peace are with them through the Sacrament.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

The *Agnus Dei* is the last of the liturgical canticles. Its Latin title simply means "Lamb of God." Believers approach the altar of God by the sacrificial substitute who died in our place. We join with the cry of John the Baptist to the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world and grants us mercy and peace. The Christian Church has sung this text before communion for more than thirteen centuries.

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Be seated

Distribution

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. **Our Savior Lutheran Church asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.***

There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 295 in the blue hymnal.

Hymn

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

Blessing

This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor + and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

596 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Be seated



THE NEWS @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of May 28, 2023

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: STARTING ON JUNE 11

Are you intimidated by reading or studying the Bible? Or do you avoid reading it because it seems irrelevant or strange? Perhaps you aren't sure how to understand or interpret what you are reading.

Join us for our new Bible class starting on Sunday morning, June 11th, at 9:00 am. As we study God's Word, we will learn how to not only read and study God's Word, but how to correctly interpret and understand what we are reading. This will be an immensely practical Bible class for you and your ongoing study of God's Word!

TASTE OF MISSIONS

Register today for Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Join us in person OR online to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world.

The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new home and world missionaries.

You can attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Or attend in person and you will be able to sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries alike. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during panel discussions. In-person registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free.

Sign up today at tasteofmissions.com/register!





THIS WEEK @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

Week of May 28, 2023

Sunday	10:15 am	Worship Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Holy Spirit Bible Class (<i>online</i>)
Sunday (6/4)	9:00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Class
Sunday (6/4)	10:15 am	Worship Service

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Usher: Doug Vertein, Brent Cox

Greeter:

Church Family: Allison/Armstrong/Baldwin/Haberland/Keel/Roberson
Snacks: Moenkedick/A. Roberson/K. Wright/Vertein

Sanctuary Care: Carol Benz, Julie Adams

OUR SAVIOR KIDS MINISTRY

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to help your children grow in their faith? Look no further than Our Savior's Kids!

Our kid's ministry is designed specifically for children, with age-appropriate lessons and activities that will help them develop a deeper understanding of God's love, their Savior Jesus, and his plan for their lives.

Our team of experienced and passionate leaders are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment where children can learn and grow together.

We invite you and your kids to join us and experience the joy of learning and growing together in community. Come see for yourself why our kids ministry is the perfect place for your child to thrive!



Our Savior's Kids—Preschool - Sundays at 9:00 am

Our Savior's Kids—Elementary - Sundays at 11:45 am

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ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

Our Savior Lutheran Church was established in 1969 as a mission church in Birmingham, AL. Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

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OUR MINISTRY

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Our Savior's Kids Ministry: online year-round

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OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Savior Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have sister congregations serving the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and over 25 countries through world missions. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

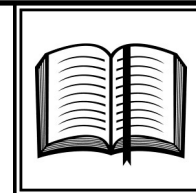


Personal Worship Notes for Kids

What is the name of the church season or special day? _____

What is the color of the church today? Blue White Purple Red Green

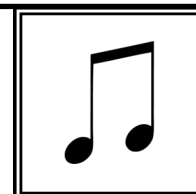
The sermon was based on these Bible verses: _____



This is in the Old Testament New Testament

What was the sermon about?

My Favorite Song was:



Did we have a sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

1) What did God tell you about himself?

2) What did God tell you about yourself?

3) What did God tell you to believe?

4) What did God tell you to do?



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