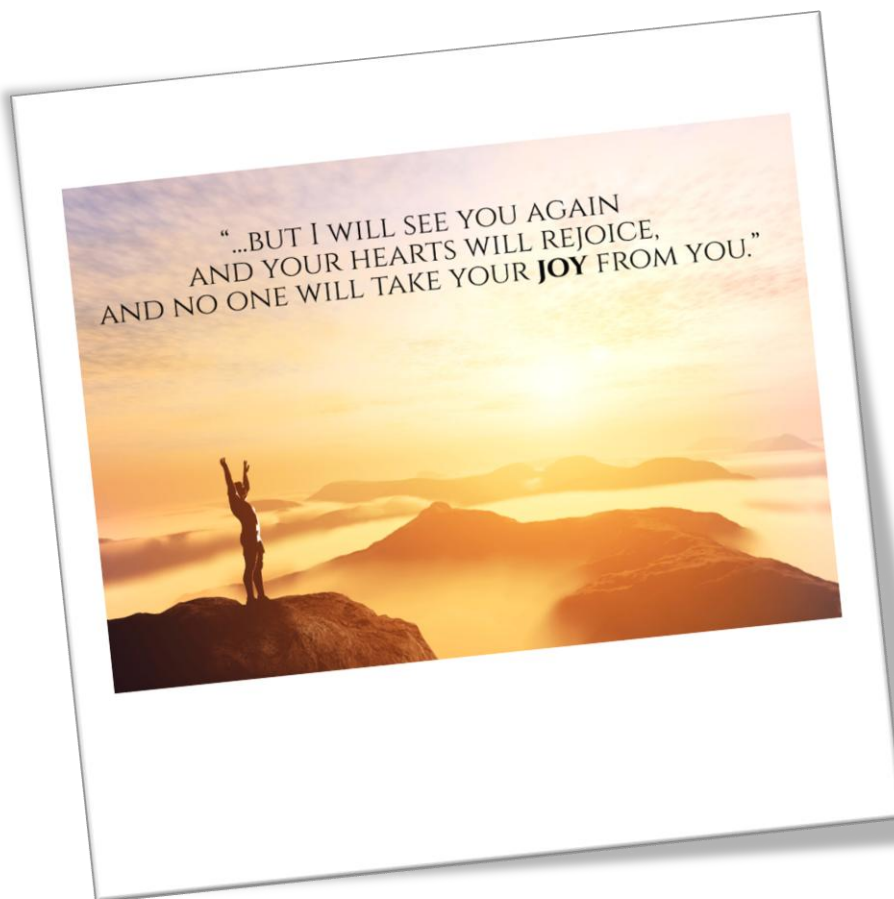


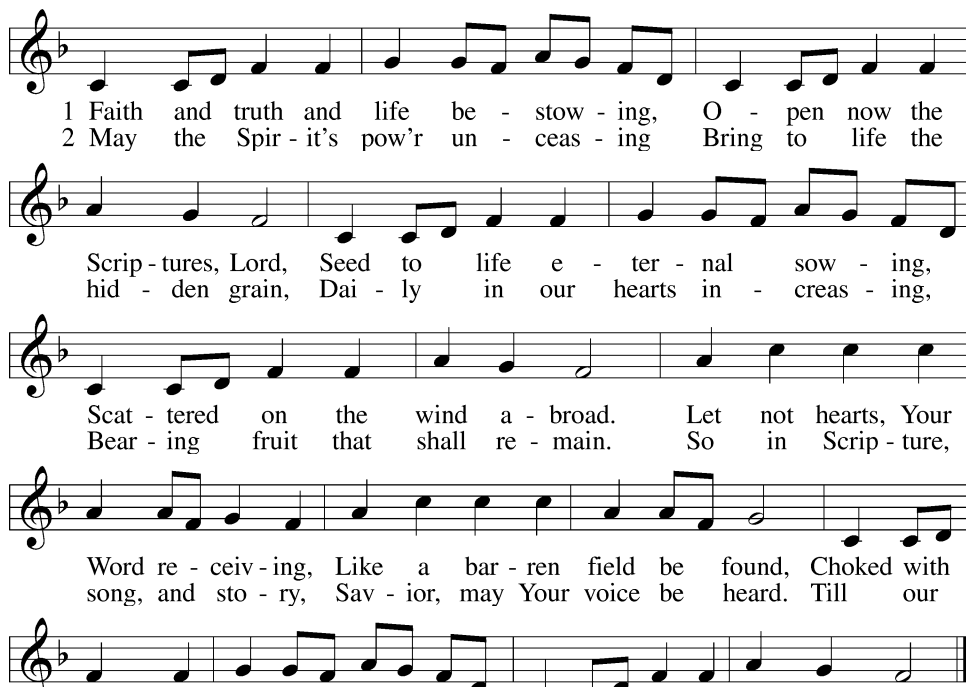
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MAY 18, 2025  
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WELCOME!

## Opening Hymn 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### Confession & Declaration of Grace

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our**

**whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism you declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

### **Kyrie**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**A.** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

**O** God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)*

## First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

*<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."*

**P: This is the Word of the Lord**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7

*<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe*

away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**      LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

John 16:12-22

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

### **Sermon**

Pastor Patrick Singh

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Service of the Sacrament +**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

## **Distribution**

**Communion Hymns:** LSB 595 O Blessed Spring, Brown 8 Be Thou My Vision,  
Brown 429 The Old Rugged Cross

## **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Brown 10 How Great Thou Art.

## **Dismissal**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

**Preparing for Holy Communion:** The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**Gathering in Community** will be the topic for this Sunday's Bible Class held between services. Come and discuss the Biblical basis for this first part of Our Savior's Mission Statement. The class will be led by Tom Roemke.

**The Book Cart** is in the breezeway for you to borrow books from. On the top shelf of the cart there are books about prayer and healing. All the books on the BOTTOM shelf are free for the taking

**Outdoor Worship Service:** On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a combined worship service outdoors in the newly completed patio area beginning at 10 a.m. This service will be followed by a picnic. Bring a dish to pass. The church will provide the meat (hotdogs or hamburgers) and beverages. Come for spiritual and physical nourishment and invite others to join you.

**School Musical:** The middle school students from Our Savior's Christian School will be presenting the musical *Alice in Wonderland* on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the gym. Tickets may be purchased through the school website ([oursaviors.com](http://oursaviors.com))

### **Financial Report:**

Income for April:	\$40,711	Year to Date Expense (Aug-April)	\$366,973
Expenses for April:	\$50,413	YTD Expenses (Aug-April)	\$372,669
Balance:	-\$9,702)	YTD Balance	-\$5,696)

**Call for Ushers:** There is a need for additional ushers to serve in our worship services. If you are interested in serving the Lord and His people in this way, please contact Mark Stuart.

**Assigned Elders:** Our elders have divided the congregation into four sections alphabetically, and each elder is assigned one of those four groups to provide support, prayer and visitation when needed. Please note your “assigned” elder: **Tom Aery-** assigned families whose last names begin with **A-D**, Tom’s phone number is: 518/229-6397; **Brian Dollard: E-J**, Brian’s phone number is 518/888-2930; **Mark Stuart: K-P**, Mark’s phone number is: 518/836-9608; **Ike Wallace: Q-Z**, Ike’s phone number is 518/598-2208

**Vacation Bible School** will be held on **July 28-August 1**. This year’s theme is *Epic Australian Adventure* focused on Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. (John 14:6) On line registration for children and volunteers is now available through our church website or directly on: [vbsmate.com/oursaviorscoloniemy](http://vbsmate.com/oursaviorscoloniemy). Prayerfully consider how you can become involved in this ministry to children from our church, school and community.

**Church Newsletter:** We plan to send out a quarterly church newsletter beginning in June. This newsletter will include articles about current ministry and coming events. If you have an article to submit for June’s church newsletter, please send it to Linda in the church office no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Vicar Mark Chaffee’s** office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email:

[mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com](mailto:mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com) **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior’s, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email ([patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com)) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Healing:** Christine Baird, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Patrick O’Brien, George Swint, Eric Unright, Ameilia Unright, Joan & Walter Weis, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf, Gerry Johnson (cancer)

**-Homebound:** Inge Glidden

**-in Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Ruth Looman, Lois O’Brien, Jon Ronson

## **This Mornings Servers:**

**Reader:** Matthew Hans

**Communion Servers:** Brian Dollard, Andy Cross

**Pray-ers:** Tom & Carol Roemke

**Ushers:** Jim Ryan, Joe Lenge

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*Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalm 100:4)*

