



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

APRIL 26, 2026
10:00AM

THE SHEPHERD GATHERS...

And They SHARE.

COMPASSION SUNDAY
Let's go out with His *love* and share *hope*.

“ They were selling their possessions and belongings and **distributing the proceeds to all**, as any had need.”

ACTS 2:45



 LOVE LIKE HIM |  SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE |  REACH THE WORLD

GATHERED BY HIS LOVE ♥ SHAPED BY HIS WORD ♥ SENT WITH HIS HEART

Opening Song “We Believe”

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Song of Response “Build My Life”

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Epistle

I Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by

me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

Vicar Mark Chaffee

Hymn of Response Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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Prayer 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

Preface

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The Preface prepares the Church to receive Christ’s gift with faith, confesses the Real Presence, and centers the Divine Service on what God does for us in Christ.

- The focus is **not** on the pastor or the people, but on **the Lord who is present and active**.
- The congregation confesses that their hearts are being directed **away from themselves and toward the Lord**.
- The congregation agrees together that:
 - Thanksgiving is the proper **response to God’s saving work**.
 - The **Sacrament itself is a gift of grace**, not something we earn.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

C 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

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The "**peace of the Lord**" (*Pax Domini*) is the peace Christ won by His death and resurrection. It is the same peace the risen Jesus spoke to His disciples when He stood among them and said, "*Peace be with you*" – showing them His wounds as proof that sin and death had been overcome.

This is not a wish or greeting. It is a **declaration of Christ's peace**.

- The Words of Institution have just been spoken.
- Christ is now present according to His promise.
- Therefore, the peace proclaimed is **objective and real**, not dependent on feelings.

The pastor is not speaking on his own authority. He speaks **Christ's peace**, grounded in the very body and blood just spoken over the bread and wine.

The congregation responds with "Amen!" (*"Yes, it is so!"*)

The congregation is confessing:

- We believe this peace is given
- We receive it by faith
- We trust Christ's promise

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: "Thank You Jesus for the Blood"
Brown Hymnal 159 Where He Leads Me
Brown Hymnal 160 Break Thou the Bread of Life,
Brown Hymnal 184 Let Us Break Bread Together

Post-Communion Collect

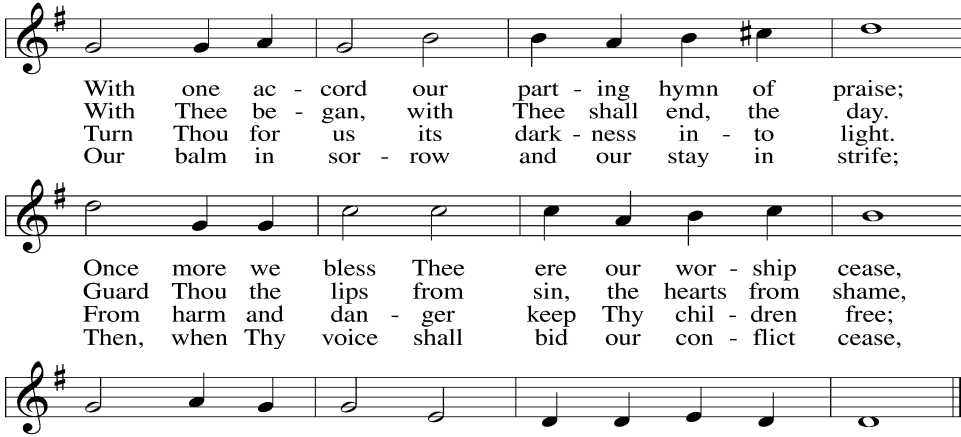
P Let us pray.

C 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. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;

Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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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)

Our Church Secretary, Linda Swartz, may be contacted by using the following email:
oslsecretary@oursaviors.com. Please use that email address when sending Linda information relating to the church.

A Voters Assembly will be held in the Fellowship Room this morning immediately following the worship service. All voting members are encouraged to come for lunch and stay to hear reports and discuss the Ministry Plan for the coming year, as presented by the Ministry Coordinating Board. This is an opportunity to get involved in the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Prayer Gathering: Our Elders will be hosting a Prayer Gathering this coming Wednesday in the Prayer Chapel, 7-8 p.m. Join others in our family of faith as we connect with our Heavenly Father through prayer. A Zoom link will be provided for those unable to participate in person.

Going Out in Love to Serve One Another. We have an opportunity to partner with the preschoolers of Our Savior's School in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This charity supports families with seriously ill or injured children. Here's how you can help,

-Bring in pull tabs and bottle caps to place in the labeled jars in the narthex:
this includes aluminum pull tabs and bottle caps that will be recycled.

This collection effort will continue until May 8th

-Bring in items for Wish List of the Ronald McDonald House Charities:
such as: snacks, beverages, paper goods and household supplies,
baby items.

Place these items in designated boxes in the narthex or the Church office.

This is a tangible way of being the hands and feet of Christ as we cooperate with children and families of Our Savior's Christian School

Portals of Prayer, a devotional booklet, is now available on the shelf in the narthex. These booklets contain daily devotions for May, June and July. Take one for personal use and take extras to give to others.

A Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, in the school cafeteria beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Hughes, a retired Navy captain who is currently serving as an Elder and Youth Leader at the Church at Newtown Road, Halfmoon. Jeff will share his life, leadership and journey of faith. Come and invite other men to join you. There is no charge for the breakfast, but an offering will be taken. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan on coming.

LERT Disaster Training: Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) provides LCMS disaster response training for Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT). Should a disaster strike, these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site. This training will prepare a team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders. We anticipate bringing this training to Our Savior's in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in this training, contact Vicar Mark at mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

Vacation Bible School: Our Savior's will again be holding Vacation Bible School on **July 27-31**. The theme for this summer's VBS is *Tropical Trek - Jesus comes to Seek and to Save*. Registration for children and for volunteers can be done on the church website (oslabany.org), under "Join Us" in the menu bar. Prayerfully consider volunteering, register your children and invite others.

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

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 or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Eric Unright, Tim Zuelsdorf, -

Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

-in Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien, Al & Helen Walck

Servers:

Organist: Pam Reynolds

Contemporary Worship: Peggy Maliski

Reader: Greg Schoonmaker

Communion Servers: Mark Stuart, Andy Cross

Pray-ers: Ike & Sue Wallace

Ushers: Clarence Ballou, Matthew Hans

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (3 May 2026)

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is *"the way, and the truth, and the life,"* and we come *"to the Father"* only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus *"glorified in the Son,"* and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14). Stephen, *"a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit"* (Acts 6:5) and *"doing great wonders and signs among the people"* (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he *"gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God"* (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he

commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “*rejected by men*” in the sight of God, He is “*chosen and precious*” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “*spiritual house,*” and we are built upon Him as “*living stones*” (1 Peter 2:5).

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