

May Newsletter

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Alleluia! Christ Is Risen: Proclaiming the Promise of the Anointed One

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia: Greek origins

Hallelujah: Hebrew origins

Meaning for both: "Praise the Lord!"

Christ: Greek origins

Messiah: same word, only in Hebrew

Meaning for both: "anointed one"

Praise the Lord! The Anointed One is risen! The Anointed One is risen indeed. Praise the Lord!

Exclaiming the latter is a bit of a mouthful, but it is what we mean when we say that wondrous phrase on Easter morning. There is so much joy to be had with this phrase! Whether you are at the 7:00 sunrise service or the later 10:30 service, you cannot resist the joy that flows from these words.

The thing is, they are not just words. It is not just a phrase that we say once a year. Rather, it is a proclamation! It is this proclamation that we can so boldly say because Christ—the Messiah, the Anointed One, our Savior—is risen! He is alive! Death has been swallowed up in the Resurrection. "Death, O death, where is thy victory? Where is thy sting?"

In proclaiming that he is risen, we are attesting to the fact that God has kept his promise—the very promise that he gave Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3, that Eve's offspring would crush the head of the serpent. Then again, in a garden, Mary Magdalene receives the good news that Jesus the Christ has done just that: crushed the head of the serpent and defeated Satan.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In this proclamation, we are proclaiming that we have been freed from the devil. The devil likes to whisper in our ears, but through the Resurrection, we can confidently tell the devil to shove off, because Christ has reconciled us to God. We are proclaiming that our sin has been taken from us and buried forever. We are proclaiming that not even death has the final word over us. We are proclaiming that as God has raised his Son to new life, so too will he raise us to new life, to share in a resurrection like his.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max Whitehead

Calendar

Saturday, May 2

9:00 AM Church Cleaning (OSLC)

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ BLC**

10:15 AM Sunday School @ OSLC

Wednesday, May 6

2:00 PM Bible Study

3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS

5:30 PM ConfirmationMeal (Group @ 6:00PM)

7:30 PM VCIS

7:30 PM OSLC Council Mtg

Sunday, May 10 (SWAP SUNDAY)

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ OSLC**

10:15 AM Last day of Sunday School @ OSLC

Kids sing in church

Wednesday, May 13

2:00 PM Bible Study (Last Day)

3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS (Last Day)

5:30 PM ConfirmationMeal (Group @ 6:00PM)
(Last Day)

7:30 PM VCIS

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ OSLC**

7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, May 20

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, May 24 (SWAP SUNDAY)

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ BLC**

7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, May 27

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, May 31

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ OSLC**

7:30 PM VCIS



On May 10th, for the final day of Sunday School, we're shaking things up—worship will be held at Our Savior's! Come celebrate the end of the year together with lots of energy and joy.

To accommodate the May 10th SWAP SUNDAY, **on May 24th** Worship will be held at Bethany.

Worship Helpers

May 3

Reader Amanda Nyhaug

Ushers..... John & Connie

OrganistJulie Jensen

May 10 (SWAP SUNDAY at OSLC)

Reader Steve or Linda Holmberg

Acolytes Grace & Emerson

Organist Melanie Parsons

Live Stream Godwin

May 17

Reader Shelley Wray

Acolytes/Com. Asst AJ & Hattie

Organist Praise Band

Live Stream Godwin

May 24 (SWAP SUNDAY at BLC)

ReaderTheresa Bonhorst

Ushers..... John & Connie

Organist Tami Roesler

May 31

Reader Steve or Linda Holmberg

Acolytes/Com. Asst.....Quinn & Harper

Organist Praise Band

Live Stream Godwin

May Committee of the Month

Steven and Linda Holmberg

Shelley Wray

Scripture Readings

May 3 - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 10 - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 17 - Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

May 24 - Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

May 31 - Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20



ROTATING VENUE BIBLE STUDY



This Bible study takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM with a rotating venue.

For additional information, please contact Pr. Max.

Looking Ahead To June

Monday, June 1

8:30 -11:30 AM VBS

Tuesday, June 2

8:30 -11:30 AM VBS

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 AM -2:45 PM VBS
2:00 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM OSLC Council Mtg

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 -11:30 AM VBS
7:00 PM VBS Program @ Parish Hall

Sunday, June 7

10:30 AM **Worship Service @ BLC**
7:30 PM VCIS

Wednesday, June 10

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, June 14

10:30 AM **Worship Service @ Glood Park with Father's Day Brunch to follow**
7:30 PM VCIS





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 1 - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Tuesday, June 2 - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Wednesday, June 3 - 8:30 AM to 2:45 PM
Thursday, June 4 - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM


We are VERY excited to offer VBS this summer and we hope you can come! All kids who are potty trained up to kids who were in 6th grade in 2026 are welcome. Kids need to eat breakfast at home and a small snack will be provided during the day. Sign up by May 20th to be guaranteed a free T-shirt.

On Wednesday we hope to be able to do Danish Dancing for the nursing home residents at 2:00. A sack lunch will be needed on Wednesday. A program will be held Thursday night at 7:00 PM for the kids to sing their songs, dance and show what they've learned during the week.



Register today at <https://vbspro.events/p/9474f0> or by scanning the QRCode.

If you are willing to help with VBS, please let Janet or Melanie know.



!!! FOOD PANTRY EMERGENCY NEED !!!

**PLEASE HELP END HUNGER
IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

Anything you can contribute would be very much appreciated. We do have a fridge and freezer for cold storage items such as meats and cheeses. Barbecue sauce, mayonnaise, sugar, flour, coffee, canned vegetables other than green beans, breakfast bars, toaster pastries, quick or cook oats, pasta, canned fruits, cooking oil, toilet paper and tissues. Thank you so very much in advance!



If you've been in the fellowship hall at Our Savior's Lutheran Church recently, you may have noticed our new refrigerator. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to Jon and Krista Schaeffer and their family for this generous and much-appreciated gift!





**Spring
cleaning**

**May 2nd
at 9:00 AM (OSLC)**