

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Easter Season Ascension Sunday May 29 & June 1, 2025

** All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People

Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Creator, today we give you thanks

P: for believing we can be born again.

L: Creator, today we give you thanks

P: for the diversity of which all of Your creation is birthed.

L: Creator, today we give you thanks

P: for the knowledge that we aren't always right and for the capability to change.

L: Creator, today we give you thanks

P: for the desire to change structures and institutions that tell us community is less valuable than the individual.

L: Creator, today we give you thanks

P: for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this sometimes-ugly world.

***HYMN:** "Come, ye Thankful People, Come" R42/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Creator, be with us as we live into all that is possible. You sent us a human to show us the value and dignity and beauty of all people. You created the change of seasons as a reminder of the beauty of our planet. We were not made sinful by design as so many interpretations go - You created us in Your image with the capabilities of loving so vastly and so greatly that healing and reconciliation are possible. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 16:16-34

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 97

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

P: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

L: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14,16)
Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Loving God, we have Created and been led astray by our systems that promote individuality, greed, absolutism, and patriarchy to the exclusion of self-sacrificing through love for one another. We know that you forgive us because You invite us into new birth again and again. You invite us to embody new understandings of collectivity and new ways of acting in and towards the world - to be witness to the evils of patriarchy and supremacy and the politics of people and ask us instead, to give gratitude and love. Be with us as we change to become more of what You ask us to be - joyful in the journey towards reparations and true Grace.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:20-26

A TIME OF LEARNING: The Bound Will

Projected
With Luther House of Study

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed (old language)

Projected

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: "I Will Rise" with Chris Tomlin Projected

MEDITATION: "Come Lord Jesus" Keith Mulder

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: The ways in which we can give of ourselves are as vast as Creation. You're now invited to give accordingly - to give knowing that what we do here matters in the bigger picture of the blessings that the Creator has accorded us.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: We give thanks to you Creator, for the invitation to be alive in a world full of possibility with open minds and open hearts to live with great joy until we meet again.

***HYMN:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs. 1&2 R210/Projected

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION Insert/Projected

(Rev. Mundell blessed the elements before leaving on his trip)

***BENEDICTION:** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Postlude**

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

P: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

P: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

L: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

L: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

L: Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

[Rev. Mundell with the help of the Alter Guild has blessed all the elements for the Thursday and Sunday services in his absence.]

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.



We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Debra Boers May 30, Rorie Nitz June 4

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 1	Livestream: 167	Total: 168
Sunday :	In-Person: 59	Livestream: 122	Total: 281

Contributions will be shown next week due to the holiday.

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio/Visual: Bob Meyer/Judy Lueck **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy **Musician:** Niclole Burdick

SUNDAY BULLETIN

This Sunday's bulletin is given in honor of Pete and Kathy Schieler's 20th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH OFFICE VACATIONS

Jane Brady, our office manager, will be on vacation from May 26th thru June 10th. Rev. Mundell will be on vacation from May 29th thru June 5th. He will be back for the Thursday, June 5th evening worship service and then gone for the Wisconsin Conference annual meeting June 6th and 7th. There will be volunteers in the office during this time with limited ability to help. Church council members will have information for the Pastors on call if a pastoral emergency should arise.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's still photo time! Call 920-748-2544 or email the Church office (osuccripon1@gmail.com) to set up your time, Monday - Thursday 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, or Sundays after worship service from 10:15 am till 11:30 am. Committees and groups will be contacted to set up times.

If you would prefer to send in a current candid photo that is not copyrighted, you can email that to the church office at osuccripon1@gmail.com or drop it off during office hours. We'll be sure to return any photos that are dropped off.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Our Conference Annual meeting is important this year as it will contain all four Associations annual meetings and a vote to dissolve the associations and roll their ministries into a restructured conference. Our Saviour's has two delegate votes available for both meetings. We currently have one delegate, if you are interested in being a delegate from our church, please let Rev. Mundell know. The meeting is all day June 6th and 7th at the Green Lake Conference Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR VBS

This year VBS will be held at Grace Lutheran from July 27 – 31. Volunteers are needed to create and set up decorations, assemble snack bags, and act as crew leaders. You can register as a volunteer at www.riponvbs.org.

Items needed are 1 gallon of white glue, \$25. Hyvee gift card, 1 pkg GREEN construction paper, 1 pkg. BLACK pipe cleaners, 1 Lg. rubber cement, 1 white plastic tablecloth, 2 small rolls clear packing tape. There is a sign-up sheet in the east narthex for these items. Your donations are appreciated. Thank you. More information will be coming shortly.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Rev. Mundell is considering having an Adult Education class during the summer on Tuesday Mornings at 10:00am in the Chapel/lounge area. If you would be interested in participating in this and have specific topics you are interested in, please let Rev. Mundell know so he can determine if there is enough interest to have the class.

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We currently provide donations to the Ripon Area Food Pantry, located at St. Ca the Community Food Pantry, located at Traded Treasures. The items you donate between the two pantries.



Suggested items for June are: Peanut butter; oatmeal; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; oatmeal; protein bars; breakfast shakes; canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; baking soda; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; salad dressings; BBQ sauce; mustard; toilet paper; paper towels; and tissues. Paper plates, napkins and paper cups.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, and 13 Unspoken.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur. May 29 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion

Sun. June 1 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
10:00 am – Blood Pressure Clinic
6:30 pm – Pack 3734 Committee Meeting

Tues. June 3 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Our Saviour's
6:30 pm – Pack 3734 Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur. June 5 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion

Sun. June 8 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:30 – Church Council meeting

Tues. June 10 5:00 pm- Sharing Table Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wed. June 11 Jane back in office

Thurs. June 12 9:00 am – noon – Mind Body and Soul with Nurse Emily
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel

COOKBOOK Is it time for a new church cookbook? Is anyone interested? Do you have some recipes you would like to share? Would you like to help with the planning? If so please contact Nurse Emily or the church office. If there is enough interest we will move forward.



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