



May 18-19, 2024

Pentecost

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the
essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The
ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered
your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death
and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling
love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad
hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen
Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***HYMN**

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

#400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

***GREETING**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

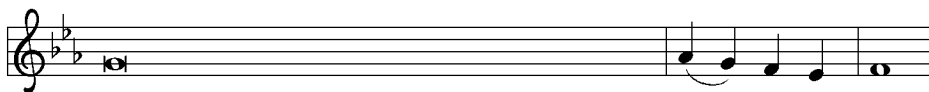
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



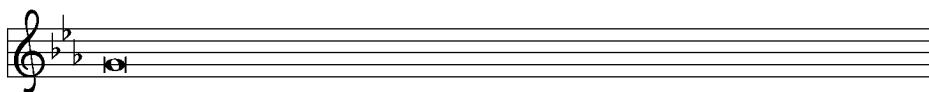
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



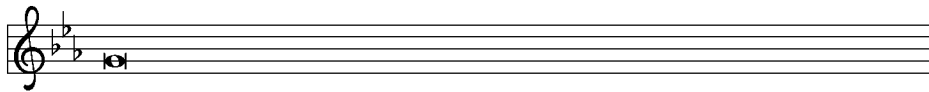
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.




A - men, a - men.

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

#401



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

BAPTISM page 227 (in front of hymnal)

6 PM

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

10:30 AM

***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***PRAYERS**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. For all who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Diane and Dolores. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, and the ministries of our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

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 peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS "Come, Let Us Eat" #491
"We Come to the Hungry Feast" #479

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

***SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, bless you now and always.

Amen.

***HYMN** "Spirit of Gentleness" #396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain
“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

***DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

OUR CONGRATULATIONS are extended to all graduates whether they are to graduate from high school or higher education. We celebrate the gifts God has given to each person, gifts of knowledge, wisdom and skill. May they use those gifts to continually be doing God's work with their hands.

We recognize the following High School Graduates:

Siri Anderson	Nicholas Jones
Mia Bahl	Reice Kammel
Benjamin Bakkum	Mya Koudelka
Derek Bores	Nolan Langrehr
Adelyn Burt	Keaton Linse
Noah Campbell	Celia Mitchell
Haley Chandler	Makenzie Murphy
Sophia Clements	Ian Nickles
Scarlet Fullwood	Sydney Niemeier
Berit Gilbertson	Jillian Peters
Elizabeth Hesse	Elliott Sjoquist
Jesse Howell	Amanda Vick
Carson Hundt	Samuel Williams
Jonathan Iliff	Jack Witte
Ella Janisch	Riley Wuensch

BAPTISM – In the waters of baptism, we welcome Madison Nicole, daughter of Dylan & Taylor Herman. Madison's sponsor is Nicole Pederson.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by Carol Peterson in honor of her 90th birthday.

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

CARD MINISTRY – Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Diane McClintock and Dolores Sinclair. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Sunday, May 19 at 9:15 AM. We will meet in the Koinonia Room.

COME AND WORSHIP: Summer hours begin next week, May 26 – Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 & 10 AM.

WORSHIP LEADERS

	6 p.m.
Worship Assistant	Chase Koudelka
Communion Assistant	Alison Hemker
Welcoming Team	Dennis & Ann Sprain
	8 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Laney Kneifl
Communion Assistant	Carla Burkhardt
Welcoming Team	Carla Burkhardt
	10:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant	Layla Kneifl
Communion Assistant	Stacey Sjoquist
Welcoming Team	Sjoquist Family
Home Communion	Mariette Stefferud
Altar Guild for May	Wendy Amundson

HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR MAY- World Hunger Water Project



These last several months the worship bulletin has contained a “Weekly Water Fact” that shares how water impacts our lives – from the food we eat, to the places we live, to the things we do, including information locally and globally. Last winter our Hunger Team made ornaments for Christmas and sold candy and coffees, with the proceeds going to the World Hunger Water Project. This Sunday School year our children have been sharing their offerings for the water project. During Synod Assembly in June, the water buckets of all of the congregations in the synod will be on display, and information will be shared about the various ways that congregations raised awareness about water. The goal was to raise enough money to buy at least one simple water well ... each well costs \$2,500. Let’s see how close we can come! Help us fill our water bucket!

Blood Drive



Tuesday, May 21
12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Presbyterian Church



Organ Dedication

Sunday, May 26
10 AM

Dedication of the new Rodgers Organ,
given in memory of Clifford and Doris Michelson

We ask God's blessings on the organ, the hands and feet that will play it, the generous giver of the instrument, and all whose lives will be impacted by its music.



June Dairy Days Celebration May 31 – June 2

You can be a part of this long-standing community celebration! In addition to watching the parade, we have several opportunities for you to get in on the action!

1. The **Fun Run** will be held Saturday, June 1
 - a. **Volunteers** are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 AM on Saturday morning. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area. Or contact Carla Burkhardt (608-617-3262) or Judy Gilbert (608-797-3001)
 - b. **Runners/walkers** are also needed!
2. The **Food Stand** needs **lots** of folks helping out, so please answer the call to sign up for duties at the Village Park all weekend - we need grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help on all shifts. Signup sheets are available at church or **on line**** at <https://signup.com/go/sXQubxA>



THANK YOU for being an important part of our fun traditions in June!

**In order to indicate you're with our group, please add "OSLC" after your name so we know which folks are coming from our church. [If you are a family signing up for several spots on the same shift but don't have separate emails, you can add a comment with the family member's name(s).]

LACROSSE AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY -

WE ARE COLLECTING
SOCKS & UNDERWEAR
FOR THE ASSEMBLY OFFERING
TO DISTRIBUTE TO LOCAL
FOOD PANTRIES & CLOTHING CLOSETS



This year's tangible offering to be collected in advance at congregations will once again be NEW socks and underwear. Place your donations in the box in the Gathering Area and our voting members will take the collection down to the Assembly on June 9.

SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.



CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY - is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

QUILTERS ARE LOOKING FOR SHEETS



We are on our way to making 300 quilts again this year, but we need your help. We are looking for used sheets, light weight blankets, and larger pieces of material for quilt backings. If you are spring cleaning and have any extras we will gladly take them off your hands. Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours or Sunday mornings. If you have any questions please contact Maryrose Hetland at mhetland405@gmail.com. Thank you!

Check out the May newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.

Feed Our Children Summer Lunch Program



Preparations are underway for the 2024 Summer Lunch Program. Currently we are looking for donations of Zip Lock bags (snack and sandwich size), brown paper lunch sacks, fruit cups or applesauce cups, and granola bars. Items may be placed in the baskets in the Gathering Area. Financial contributions are also always welcome – make checks out to Our Savior’s, but **note** the gift is for Feed Our Children.

If you are interested in volunteering to help make or serve lunches, there will be a sign-up sheet available soon. Or, contact Angie Hemker (feedourchildrenws@gmail.com).

Check the bulletin each week for updates, as well as the Feed Our Children Facebook page. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Let’s get a group together ...



If you would like to be part of a group from Our Savior’s, use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area and **WE** will order the tickets together. Otherwise, feel free to order your own tickets. To be included in the OSLC ticket block, your **\$15 (per ticket) is due to the church office by Sunday, June 16.**