



# *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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## **EASTER SUNDAY** **Glorious Joy**

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### **Order of Worship**

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The congregation responds in parts marked in bold. Hymns are taken from our hymnal, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, (ELW).

#### **WE GATHER**

#### **Centering Music**

#### **The ringing of the Morningstar**

#### **Prelude**

**(Said 3x)**

Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

#### **Call To Worship**

People of God, what do you need today?

**To rejoice!**

Then come, let us worship God,  
**who broke the power of death,**  
**who rolled the stone from the tomb,**  
**who has risen from the grave!**

We worship in the name of God who created us,  
Christ who rose from the dead,  
and the Spirit he breathed upon his followers.

**Amen!**

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW#365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;  
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
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## **Apostolic Greeting**

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.**

Let us pray.

**God of resurrection, you are waiting for us at the tomb of our despair. Break upon us with the brilliance of a new day. Color our grayscale lives with a joy no one can take. Paint the horizon of our hope with brilliance. Mark us indelibly, forever beloved. Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**Luke 24:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Hymn

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

ELW#619

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 of the People**

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.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice.

Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness.

Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (name/s may be spoken here) and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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.

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please be seated.

## Offering

*Financial offerings are received in the plates. Please stand as the gifts come forward.*



## Musical Offering

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

- Howard Goodall

- OSL Choir, Gloria, soloist

*Please Stand*

## Offertory Canticle

## As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## **Prayer Of Dedication**

God of mercy and grace,  
you give us so much:  
our days, our loved ones,  
our passions and talents,  
the food we eat, the homes we know,  
a place to worship.

God, you pour out an abundance of goodness.  
Receive the gifts we offer back to you today.  
Bless them and bless us,  
that we will give generously,  
love boldly, and share widely,  
our offering reflecting your joyful gift.  
**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is not only right, but even needful  
for us to thank you, God,  
for the cosmos overflows with your goodness.  
You open your hand to satisfy the needs  
of everything that you have made,  
and all of creation sings its thankful praise.  
And so we join the echoing song:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God,  
brimming with your extravagant love.

In the beginning you created,  
not because you needed to  
but because it delighted you:

**you made the textures of feathers and fur,  
the fragrance of pine and saltwater,  
glinting minerals and sparkling stars,  
humankind in gorgeous diversity.**

You became like us in Jesus Christ,  
whose life magnified the abundance of your grace  
and the lavishness of your love.

**He saw the richness of a widow's pennies  
and the surpassing fineness of a lily's petals  
and the towering greatness of a mustard seed  
and fed thousands with five loaves and two fish.**

On the night of his arrest,  
he gathered his friends for a simple meal  
and set a feast of love.

He took bread, 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.

And so we remember: **the command to love as he has loved.**  
We remember: **the life of God poured out for us like wine.**  
We remember: **the resurrection that shattered the power of death.**  
We remember: **Christ's ascension into heaven and promise to come again.**

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and cup.  
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes  
and the earthiness of wheat.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion  
for the little, the lost, and the least.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love,  
mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end.  
Bring us at last to the infinite table  
where you have gathered all your holy ones  
in the new creation where every tear is wiped away,  
and every need has been met in you.  
All honor and glory is yours, O God,  
who is both Giver and Gift,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy church,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## The 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

## Agnus Dei



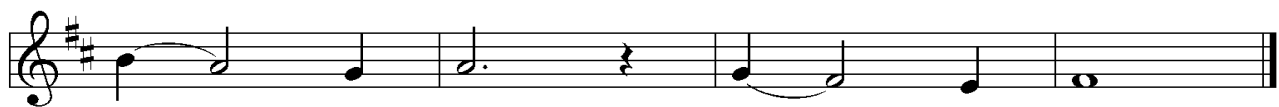
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*Please Sit*

## The Distribution

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*All the baptized are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing or remain in the pews in prayer.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

### **Post-Communion Sentence**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

O Jesus, you have fed us  
with the bread that has no price,  
the precious gift of your own self.  
Now send us out like Mary with her perfume,  
prepared to give the best we have  
to dignify the world you so loved.

**Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT**

### **Blessing**

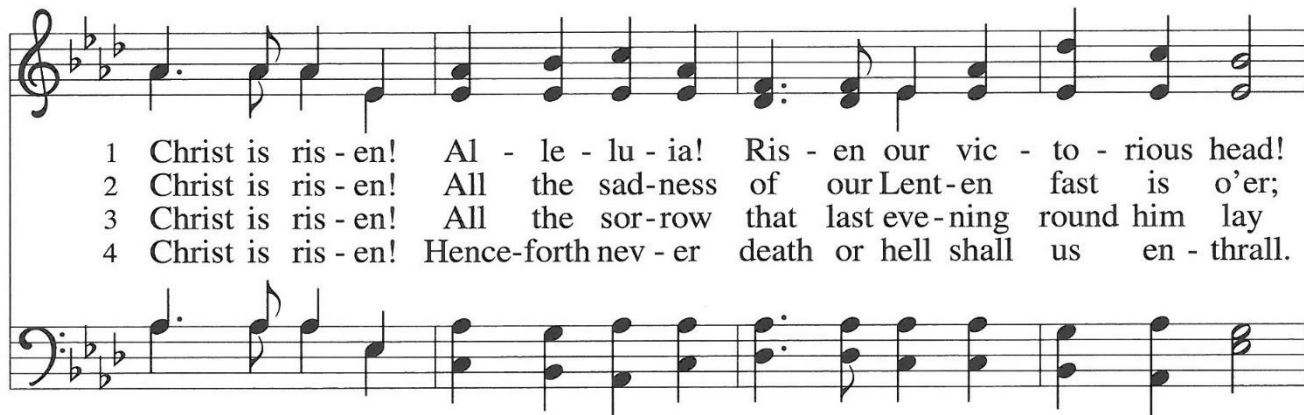
Now may God,  
who is creating a new heaven and a new earth,  
who is breaking the power of sin and death,  
who is bringing us all to new life,  
bless you and sustain you.  
Today God has answered your need,  
and now the Spirit sends you out  
to answer the world's need.

**Amen.**

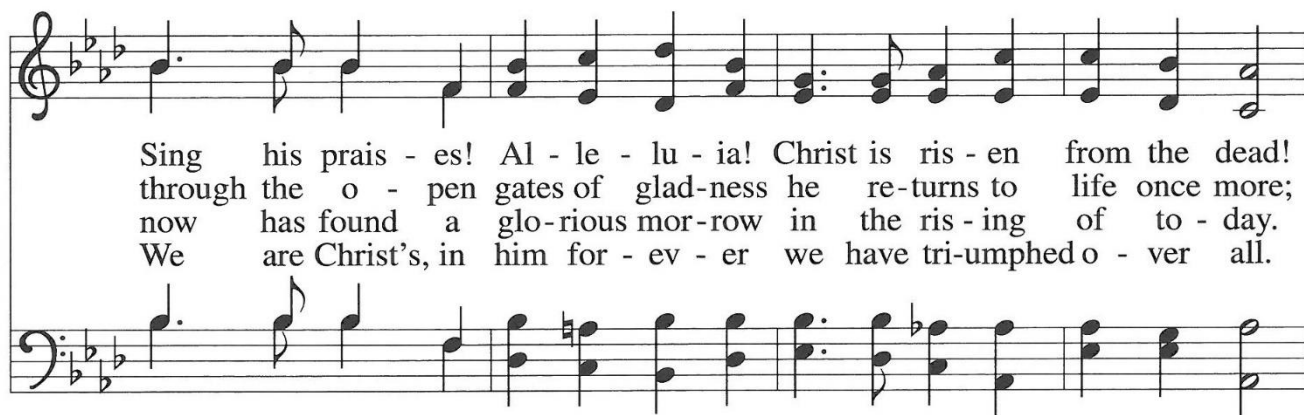
# Hymn

## *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

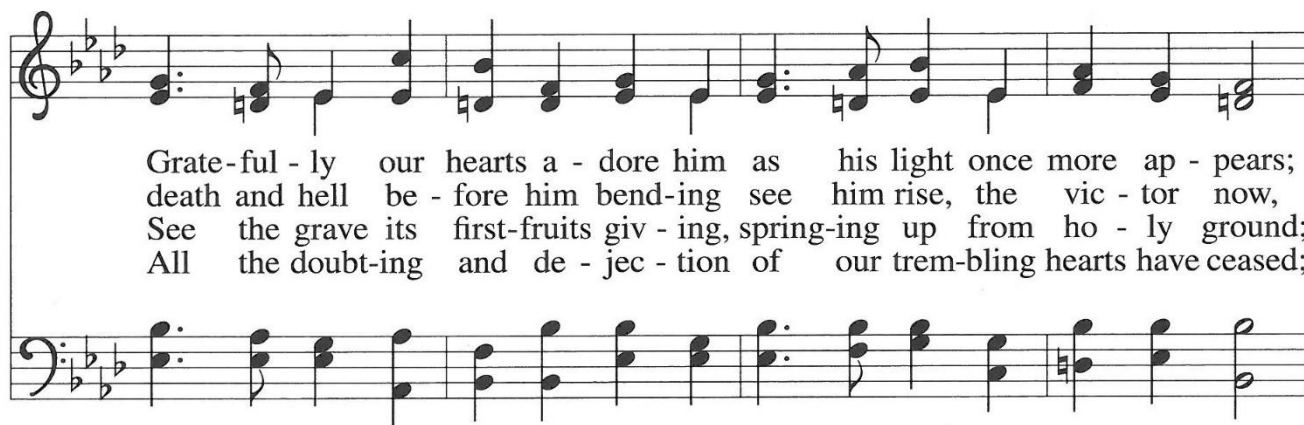
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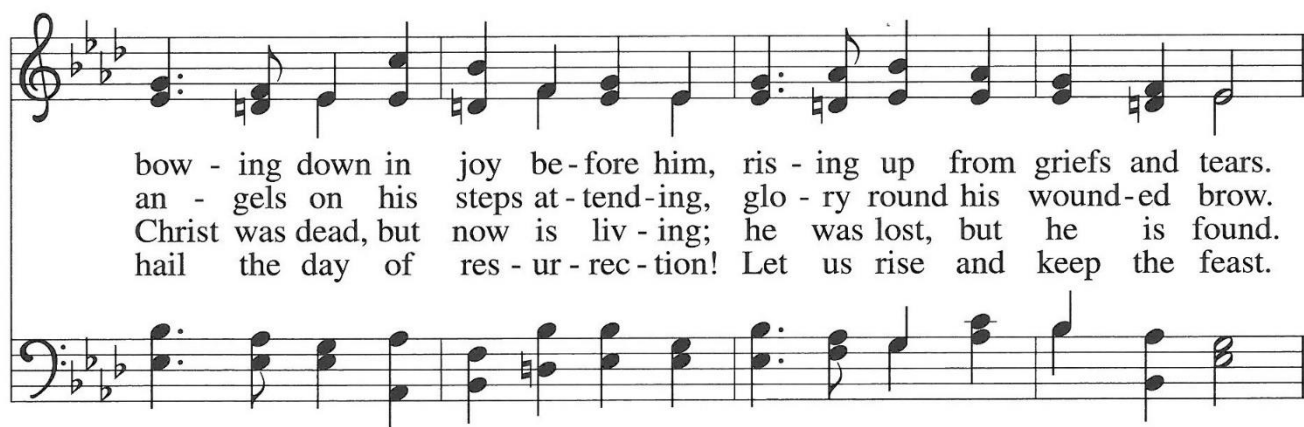
1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

**Charge**

Christ is risen!

**He has risen indeed!**

**Postlude**

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World





**EASTER FLOWER  
DEDICATIONS  
2025**



- In Memory of My Parents: Fritz & Gretchen Wiese.....Frya Barnes
- In Honor of Seif & Joan Mozayeni.....Anita Baumann
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- In Honor of Michael Bueti Sr.....Hannah & Michael
- In Honor of Michael Bueti Sr.....Hannah & Michael
- In Honor of Michael Bueti Sr.....Hannah & Michael
- In Honor of Salvatore Bueti .....Hannah & Michael
- In Honor of Eileen Rahill.....Hannah & Michael
- In Memory of Julia & Lauren Kingman.....Kingman Family
- In Memory of Amy Ferrara.....Kingman Family
- In Honor of Pastor & Patty Johnson.....Lois Leonard
- In Honor of Frya Barnes.....Lois Leonard
- In Honor of Phill Greenland.....Lois Leonard
- In Honor of Wyatt's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday.....Nana & Grandpa
- In Memory of Loved Ones.....Nana & Grandpa
- In Memory of Valerie Montgomery.....Bryan & Sue Montgomery
- In Memory of Linda Upright.....Bryan & Sue Montgomery
- In memory of Heinz & Gertrude Schlenkermann(Lily).....  
Helen & Heinz Schlenkermann
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Helen & Heinz Schlenkermann
- In Memory of Edna M. Naylor & Esther Schwartz.....  
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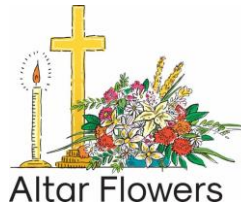
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**Worship Service Today**

**Greeters/Ushers** .....TBD  
**Lector**.....John Magerlein  
**Worship Assistant**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Hospitality** .....Lois Leonard  
**Altar Guild**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Offering Teller**.....Karen Magerlein



Altar Flowers

*Easter Flower  
Dedications*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Wishing all our members and friends a Happy Easter.*

*Please join us after this morning's Service for an enhanced Coffee Hour.*

**Weekly Devotional Readings & Next Sunday's Readings**

**Monday:** Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24.

**Tuesday:** Revelation 12:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23, 5:24-31a.

**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12.

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Psalm 150; Acts 5:12-16.

**Friday:** Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18; Psalm 57; Mark 1:1-11.

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Psalm 150; Luke 24:36-40.

**Second Sunday of Easter – April 27:**

**Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31.**

**Those With Special Needs & Concerns**

**Other Concerns of Our Community**

**PRAYER LIST**

Arlita Hoyt  
Christine Olszanski  
Kolbe Olszanski  
Deanna Platt  
Bob Riekert  
Catherine Biel

**SERVING IN ARMED FORCES**

Michael Gabrielsen  
Jack O'Brien  
John Picucci



Bishop Paul Egensteiner and his staff.  
For those who would dare to bring peace.  
For the President and his administration.  
Communities of Faith in & around  
Croton.  
For refugees suffering in camps around  
the world.  
For food to feed all those who hunger.

# Welcome to Our Saviour

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Do you want to live life to its fullest? Do you want to have resources to cope with the challenges of life? Since his disciples first followed him, Jesus' teachings and example have been providing enduring answers for life's most troubling questions. Jesus' life was given for us. His life remains a gift to be received and God's Word through him waits to be heard. Come and see! The Lord is good!

Our Saviour is a safe, friendly, welcoming place for you and your family to hear Good News and find warm, caring community. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, political affiliations, sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions. We invite you to join us in any or all of the activities. Please ask any member for further details. You will find the Order of Worship set out in this bulletin. You will also find a schedule of devotional readings and next Sunday's scripture set out inside the back cover.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are invited to the Lord's Table, as Jesus welcomed all without condition, to commune with Him. You need not be Lutheran or a church member. Young children may receive at their parents' discretion.

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## ***Welcome to Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church***

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor

Phill Greenland, Music Minister

**Sunday School**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 am**

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Mon & Tues: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon;

Wed, Sat & Sun: by appointment; Thurs & Friday: Pastor's Days Off.

**Church Secretary's Office Hours:** Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Church Office Phone:** 914-271-4632     **Pastor's Phone:** 914 863-1601

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