

# *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

# 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.**



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



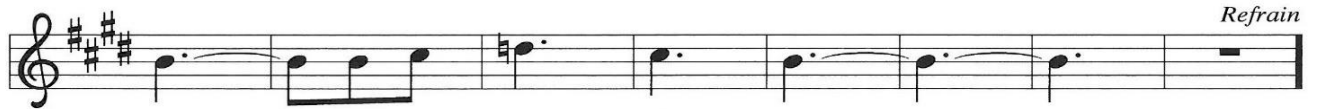
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Acts 5:27-32**

27 When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."  
29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 118:14-29

- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> **Hosanna! O LORD, save us!  
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> **The LORD is God and has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.**

## Second Reading

## Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

### Alleluia Verse



## **The Holy Gospel**

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**



## Hymn

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## **Prayers of the People**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

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

*This QR code links  
to our PayPal account  
and may be used to make  
a one-time gift.*



## Musical Offering

*Please Stand*

### Offertory Canticle

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



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

*Refrain*

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

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**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 indeed 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.  
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:

## *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.

## **Words of Institution**

### **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



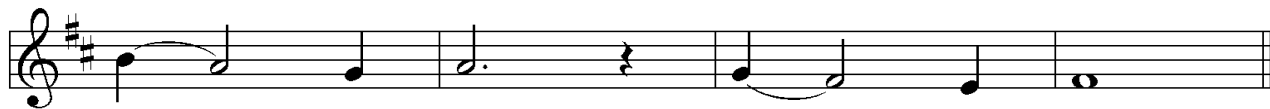
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

## **WE ARE SENT**

### **Blessing**

The triune God  
who was, who is and who is to come,  
Sovereign † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!



## **Charge**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World

**Worship Service Today**

**Greeters/Ushers** .....TBD  
**Lector**.....TBD  
**Worship Assistant**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Hospitality** .....Sue Montgomery  
**Altar Guild**..... Karen Magerlein  
**Offering Teller** .....Larry Moy



Altar Flowers

**This Morning's  
 Altar Flowers  
 Donated By  
 Al & Inga Colbran**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am-12noon & First Saturday of the month from 1-4pm.**

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

**Monday:** Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20.  
**Tuesday:** Esther 8:1-17; Psalm 122; Revelation 2:8-11.  
**Wednesday:** Luke 12:4-12; Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23.  
**Thursday:** Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; John 14:8-14.  
**Friday:** Psalm 30; Revelation 4:1-11; Isaiah 6:1-4.  
**Saturday:** Genesis 18:1-8; Psalm 30; Luke 14:12-14.

**Third Sunday of Easter – May 4:**

**Acts 9:1-16; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;  
 John 21:1-19.**

**Those With Special Needs & Concerns**

**Other Concerns of Our Community**

**PRAYER LIST**

John Nurmi  
 Arlita Hoyt  
 Christine Olszanski  
 Kolbe Olszanski  
 Deanna Platt  
 Bob Riekert  
 Catherine Biel  
 Jim Murtha  
 Jim Befanis

**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.

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