



# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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## Fourth 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, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

### We Gather

#### Centering Music

#### Ring of *The Morningstar*

#### Prelude

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

#### **Merciful God,**

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

#### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn- ELW #369 Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Gloria

Assisting minister  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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 Reading: Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thanks be to God". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with "Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -". The second system continues with "- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -". The third system ends with "lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

Hymn

ELW #763

My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

## Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (especially). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered).*

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

*Financial offerings are received. Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

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to our PayPal  
account and may  
be used to make a  
one-time gift.



## Musical Offering

*Please Stand*

### Offertory Canticle



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**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.**

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.

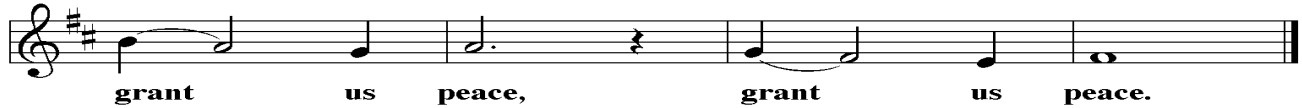
And so we remember: **the command to love as he has loved.**  
We remember: **the life of God poured out for us like wine.**  
We remember: **the resurrection that shattered the power of death.**  
We remember: **Christ's ascension into heaven and promise to come again.**

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



## The Distribution

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

*All 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.*

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

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## We are Sent

## Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

ELW #655

Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

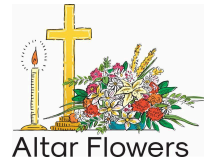
## **Postlude**

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the world.

## Thank You to Those Serving Today

Lector  
Hospitality  
Altar Guild  
Offering Teller

John Magerlein  
Lee Ann  
Hanna and Michael Bueti  
Karen Magerlein



Flowers are given  
by Hannah and  
Michael Bueti in  
celebration of  
their first wedding  
anniversary

## Announcements

### Weekly Devotional Readings and Next Sunday's Readings

**Monday, April 27, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5;

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21;

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28;

**Thursday, April 30, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15;

**Friday, May 01, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;

**Saturday, May 02, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;

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

### Prayer List

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

### Serving in Armed Forces

Michael Gabrielsen  
Jack O'Brien

### Other Concerns of Our Community

Bishop Katrina Foster and her 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 a 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 Lutheran Church*

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor  
Phill Greenland, Music Director  
Lee Ann McCarthy, Deacon

**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Mon & Tues: 9:30 am – 11:30  
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