

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th, 2025



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad that you are here as part of worship!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church welcomes all!

We gather for worship called by God's Spirit from many places of compass and heart. We bring stories of where God has met and sustained us along the way. We bring questions and yearnings to see God's presence more fully in our world. We are brought



together by a God who knows us as Creator, and who gathers us as only a Good Shepherd can—to lead us into what it means to be God's people here in this place.

As God's people, we are continually

learning what it means to be truly encouraging and supportive to all. We are committed to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, social or economic status. To all we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us on this journey, as partners in the full life and ministry of Christ the Servant.

The Bible reminds us to "remember the Sabbath day". We remember that "This is the Lord's day", and as we gather to worship the God who deserves our praise, the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

We hope that you will feel at home!

We hope you feel Christ's welcome in our service, and hope to see you again soon.

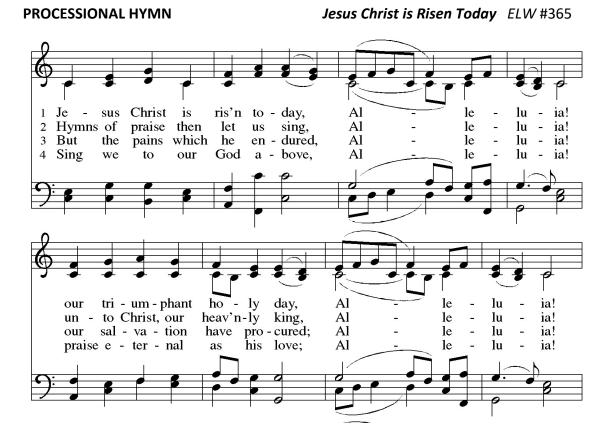
Now the Feast and Celebration Gathering

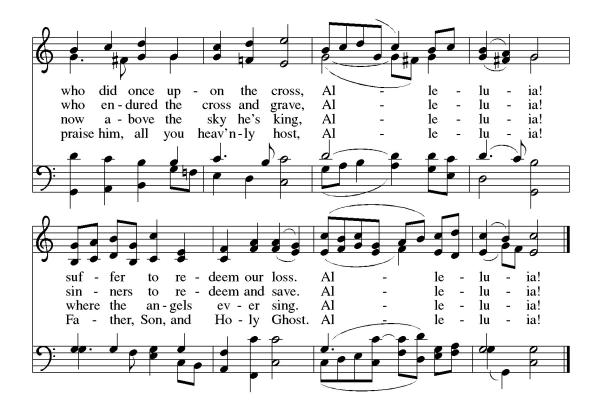
PRELUDE Brass

EASTER MORNING READING: LUKE 24: 1-7

- P But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."
- Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.
 - P Christ is Risen!
 - Christ is Risen indeed, Hallelujah!
 - P The Cross, the Tomb, these are not the last words in Christ Jesus' story:
 - G For behold, Christ is making all things new!

- Raised on a cross, lifted high for all to see, God has said "no" to our choices of anger or violence.
- For behold, Christ is making all things new!
- With gentle love,
 Christ now seeks out those who stumbled or failed along the way.
- For behold, Christ is making all things new!





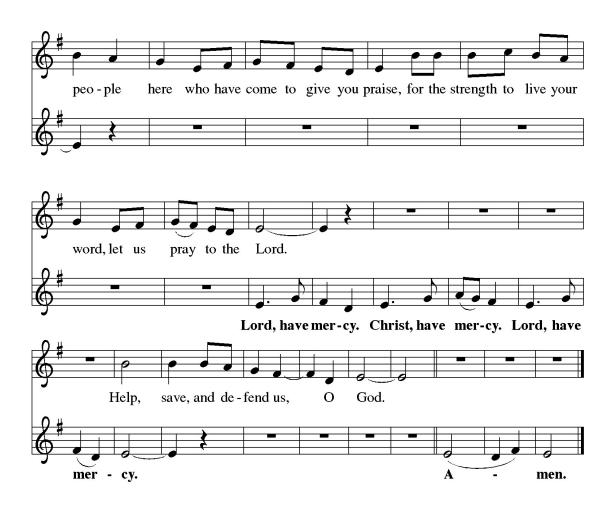
PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- **G** God of mercy,

we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KYRIE





CANTICLE OF PRAISE—from Revelation 5





Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!", Larry Shackley

Choir: To the Glory of God alone.

G Thanks be to God

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

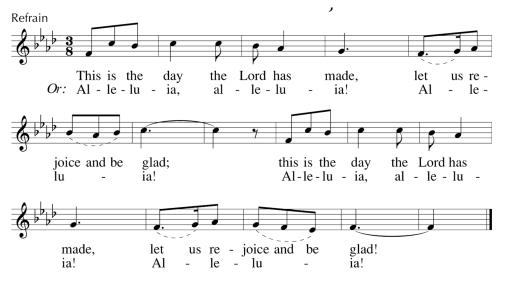
Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A Word of God, Word of Life
- C Thanks be to God

PSALM 118

GIA Gather Third Edition #81



Verses

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever; Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures for ever."
- 2. The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Text: Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

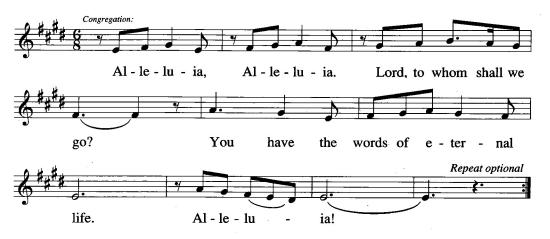
The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive. Out of the confusion, hope emerges in the risen Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and

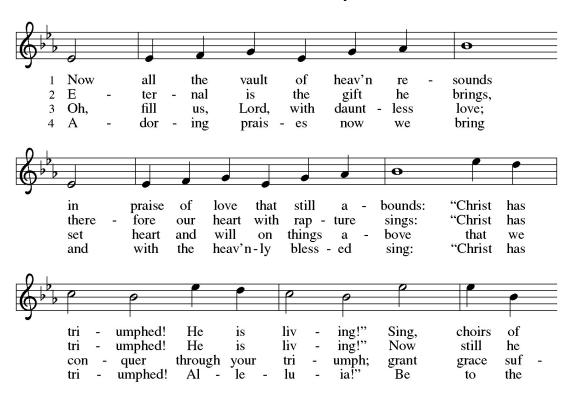
we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

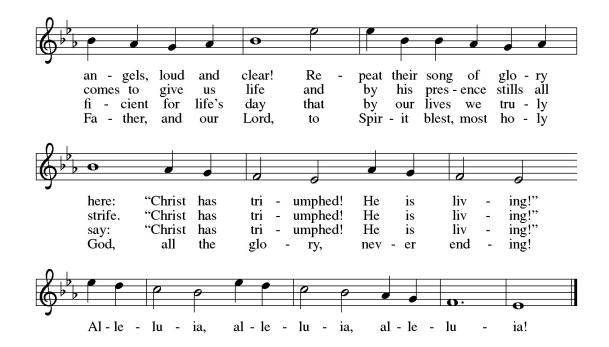
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW # 367





Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- Believing that God has come to us to as Christ and leads us by the Spirit, we confess our faith: (please rise)
- 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.

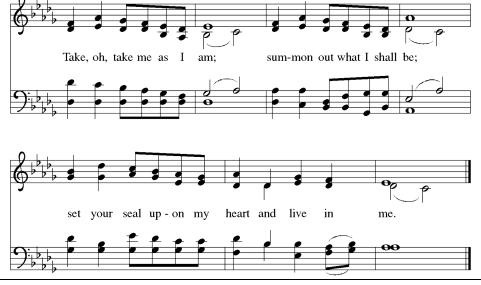
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- P Jesus says, before you gather at altar as my people, forgive and love and encourage one another (*Matthew 5:23-24*) Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
- P Gracious God,
- have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus our Christ. Amen
- Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Gathered by the Holy Spirit to follow the risen Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*Refrain ELW#814*)



P Living God: you come to us as Christ Jesus to show us who you are—a God who reaches across the boundaries we build, a God who heals where we would wound, a God who forgives when we would nurse angers. On the cross you show us your reaction to our choices: you say no more to violence or pain or betrayal, no more to death. And in the resurrection you show us that you will make all thing new—even us. Help us see what you are showing us in Jesus. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

A Living God: today churches across your world will be full with people celebrating your resurrection. Give us a vision of that day when we will all gather— those who have known you in all ages, in all places. Let our communion today whet our appetite for that gathering with all the saints when you will raise bread and wine in a life that will know no end. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

P Living God: we need your healing presence in our world. Our hearts ache for you to bring an end to those who use power for selfishness, those who ignore the weak, those who sow anger and suspicion instead of extending peace. Raise followers

who will speak Christ's grace to dispel this darkness Lord in your mercy:

Refrain......

A Living God: we give you thanks again for the places you are leading us to be signs of Jesus' way in our community: the Community Meal, Meals on Wheels, our Food Bank, FISH and Helping Hands, the cold weather shelters, our Interfaith Ministerium and the Opportunities Inc. When our hearts long to see you, remind us anew that we will meet you in the least of our sisters and brothers. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

- P Living God, you place people and places and events on our hearts. Hear our quiet prayers for healing and wholeness and peace for these persons and places......
- A Living God: no one expected you to be born in a stable or ascend a throne of Roman wood or rise from the dead. You surprised us over and over—and likely will again. So open our eyes to see what you will do in this resurrection. Refrain our hearts when our reflex might be to box you in.

Lord in your mercy:

Refrain......

- Into your mercy, we remember all for whom we have prayed. Your mercy surrounds us. Use us now as signs of that healing grace.
- Amen
- P The peace of our risen Christ be with you always!
- And also with you!

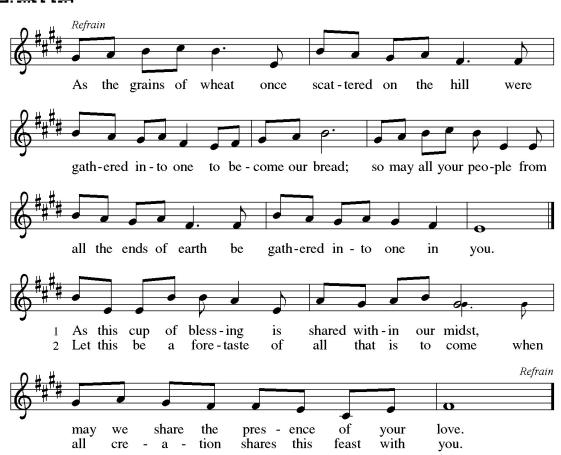


OFFERING

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

OFFERTORY

ELW #465



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

☑ Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Now We Join in Celebration



Sending

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus your Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. • Amen.

SENDING SONG

Thine Is The Glory ELW # 376





Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

SENDING

A Go in Peace! Know that Christ goes with you!

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL

Easter Flowers enhance our Celebration this morning. They are given in memory or honor of loved ones by the following persons:

Robin Sainsbury and Bev James In honor of loved ones

Larry Pfeiffer & Debra Karen In memory of Sharon Pfeiffer

and Jim Karem

Bob & Audrey Parkinson In memory of family

In memory of Deb Ramstead Jerry & Kerrie Ramstead

> Carole Lovinger In memory of Glenn Osborne

Andrew Shen & Jayson Lingen On the birth of our twin sons, Nathaniel and

Theodore Shen-Lingan

Harry & Lilli Milton In memory of Bill Milton

Lance & Marilyn Olson In memory of Chuck Frisbee and Denise Harmon

> Bonnie Knight In memory of loved ones

In memory of parents: Harold & Grace Spilde and Gideon & Jesse Udin Harold & Judy Spilde

Elaine Osborne In memory of Glenn Osborne

and all of our loved ones

Pat & Harlan Orham In honor of Our Savior's staff

Emilio & Sandra Vanni In honor of Emilio II

Judy Ferguson & Deb Hopkins In memory of Conquergood, Ferguson,

and Hopkins families

In memory of Ed and Bonnie Forslund Ellen Forslund

Rich & Nancy Hamill In memory of our dads.

Jerry & Lorraine Myhr In memory of our parents and family.

> Leila Ingman In memory of Olaf Ingman

Meredith & Millie In honor of our support team of family and friends Judy Ludtke In memory of Vern,

and in honor of friends and family

Dusty & Holly Molyneaux In honor of the Fine arts Teachers in Great Falls

Remembering God's Strong Promises

We were reminded again last week that this world is not our home.

Our brother Nobby Johnson has ended his journey of life in this world.

He is held safe in God's unfailing grace.

We will gather for his memorial service Saturday, May 31, at 11:00 a.m.

High Time for High Tea

In Afternoon of Lace, China, Silver and Elegance For Fine Ladies of All Ages.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2:00 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Dust off your best bonnet or wear one of ours.
Enjoy teas, scones, sweets and delicate sandwiches.
Tickets \$5.00 for adults; littles are free.
Limited number of seats

The Teapot Ladies Society

Theresa Proud Joyce Morgan Nancy Traner Michelle Bruner Casey Furr Katie Furr Rene Valenti Robin Sainsbury Lindy Eberl Casey Augustine-Dominquez

Gatherings this Week:

Sunday, April 20th 8:45 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Worship

Monday—Friday Montana Synodical Pastor's Gathering in Chico

Monday, April 21 9:30 Offering Counters

Wed., April 23 7:30 Men's Bible Study at 4B's

1:15 Prayer Chain Mtg

Thur. April 24th 9:30 Quilters

1:00 "Ladies, Lets Talk" at the Church

Friday, April 25 6:00 **Game Night**

Sunday, April 27th 10:00 Worship Service

Change for change

11:15 Special Congregational Meeting

A special thanks to the Musicians for enhancing today's worship:

Dusty and Holly Molyneaux, Andrew Kilpatrick, Adrian Massey
Meredith Ludford. Millie Rios Abam

SERVING APRIL 20TH SERVING APRIL 27th

Usher: Jerry Ramstead Usher: Gloria Johnson Greeter: Kerrie Ramstead Greeter: Carole Miller

Reader: Natalie Faltin Reader: Volunteer or Pastor Eric

Altar Guild: Lilli Milton, Kerrie Ramstead Altar Guild: Lilli Milton, Kerrie Ramstead

Fellowship: Jerry & Lorraine Myhr

Offer. Coll.: Clarice Flanagan

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Counters: Nancy Traner, Judy Ludtke
Pianist/Organist: Michelle Payton

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Cantor: Ellen Forslund Cantor: Ellen Forslund Presider: Pastor Eric Presider: Pastor Eric