



# Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:**

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

**With Regard to Holy Communion:**

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

**To the Parents of Children:**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

## PRELUDE: Introit for the Easter Season

*SOLO: B♭* *CONGREGATION:* F B♭

Christ is ris - en! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en in - deed!

*SOLO: B♭* *CONGREGATION:* F B♭

Christ is ris - en! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en in - deed!

B♭ F Gm D Eb B♭ F B♭

Ris - en from the depths of hell, to be - yond where an - gels dwell!



## Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Lamb of God Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD YOUR ONLY SON *(for Easter)*

Twila Paris



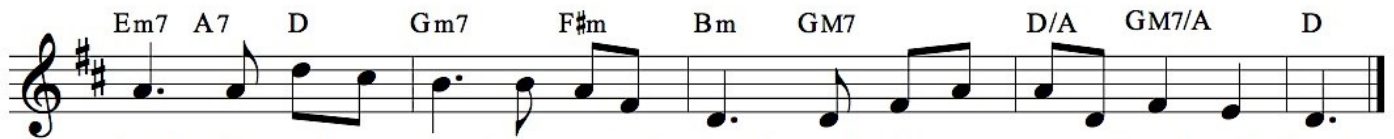
1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your  
2. Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he  
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your



side to walk up - on this guil - ty sod and to be - come the Lamb of  
died. The hum - ble king we named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of  
side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of



God. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! I love you ho - ly Lamb of



God. O wash me in bap - tismal flood and raise me up, o Lamb of God!



**GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

## THE KYRIE

(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E F<sub>sus</sub> F F/A F/B $\flat$  C Dm Gm C7/E F<sub>sus</sub> F B $\flat$ maj7 C<sub>sus</sub> C

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E F<sub>sus</sub> F F/A F/B $\flat$  C Dm Gm C7/E F<sub>sus</sub> F F/B $\flat$  C F

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## THE GLORIA

### REFRAIN:

D G D G D Bm

Glo-ry to God in the high - est. and peace

E7 A A7 D G D D

to his peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

G D Bm Em D *to verses*

high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

### VERSE:

F $\sharp$ m D Bm D7 G

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,

Em A F $\sharp$ m D F $\sharp$ 7 Bm

Lamb of God: - You take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm G Em A A7 D F $\sharp$ 7

have mer - cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Bm D7 G Em D A A7 *to Refrain*

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**

## **TEMPLE TALK: Susan Conrad**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?  
<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.  
<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.


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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - - ia.



### THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

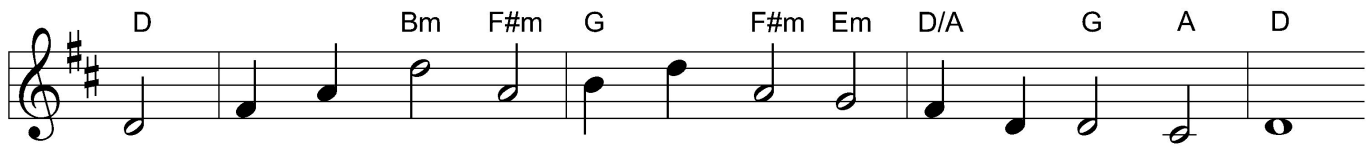


HYMN OF THE DAY: The Lord's My Shepherd

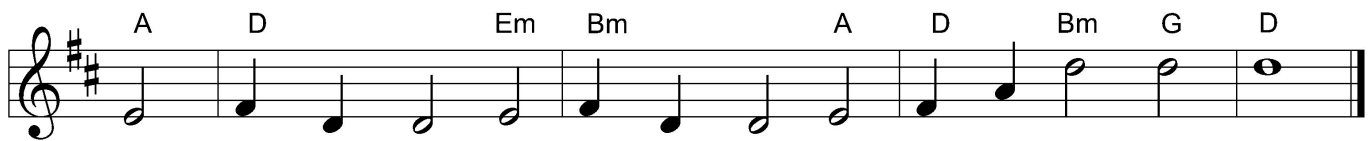
# The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
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## **CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki: "King of Love," by I Am They

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A musical score for a offertory prayer. It consists of six staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The chord symbols are: E, F#7, B, E, A, E, A, E, F#7, B, E, A M7, G#m7, A, E, B, E, F#7, B7, E, A, E, F#7, B7, E7, A M7, G#m7, B m7, A, E.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a  
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**ALL:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

D Bm Em7 A D Bm E7 A7 D7  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

G D F#7 Bm D Bm  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho

E7 A G D  
san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

F#7 Bm D G D/A A7 D  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ....

People: **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

D G  $\overset{\frown}{3}$  Bm  $\overset{\frown}{3}$  G7 C G

Lamb of God, — you take a - way the sin of the world; have —

Em D G  $\overset{\frown}{3}$  Bm  $\overset{\frown}{3}$  G7

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take — a - way the

C G Em D G  $\overset{\frown}{3}$  Bm  $\overset{\frown}{3}$

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

G7 C G A7 D C D7sus4 G

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**



**COMMUNION HYMN: Here Is Bread**

**Here is Bread**

words & music by Graham Kendrick

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A C/G G/B

1&4. Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is with us.  
 2. Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, He is with us.  
 3. Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us. He is with us.

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C (F G)

Break the bread, drink the wine. Christ is with us here.  
 Know His grace, find His peace. Feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro-claim till he comes: Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



## COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, — be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks! — Give thanks! — Give thanks! —

**Chords:** G, D/F#, Emin, Bmin, C, G/B, Emin, F, Dsus4, G, D/F#, Emin, Bmin, C, G/B, Emin, F, Dsus4, Bmin, Emin, Amin7, D7, G, CMaj7, F, Dsus4, Bmin, Emin, Amin7, D7, G, CMaj7, F, Dsus4, G, Amin/G, D, G

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION:

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.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: Build a Longer Table

David Bjorlin

*Noël Nouvelet (French Carol)*



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2. Build a saf - er re - fuge, not a lar - ger jail;  
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hung - er, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - ge - ther, strang - er turns to friend,  
For a - ny place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to pie - ces; false div - i - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fen - ces: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clu - ded; all must find a home.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



## SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
April 21	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
April 28	Sally Leara	Susan Conrad	John Leara
May 5	Michael Chomin	Brenda Heydt	Ed Moderacki

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From:

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