



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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 \flat *CONGREGATION:* F B \flat

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

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B \flat F Gm D E \flat B \flat F B \flat

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.

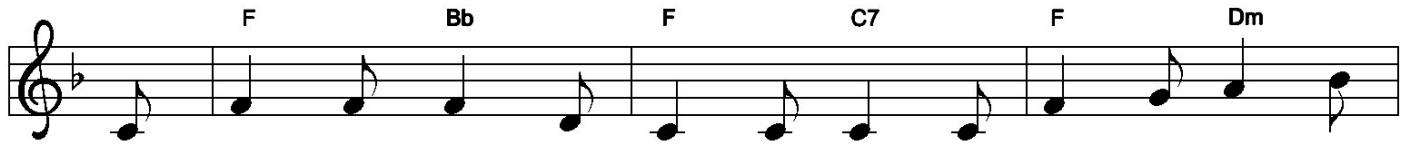
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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, 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: I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

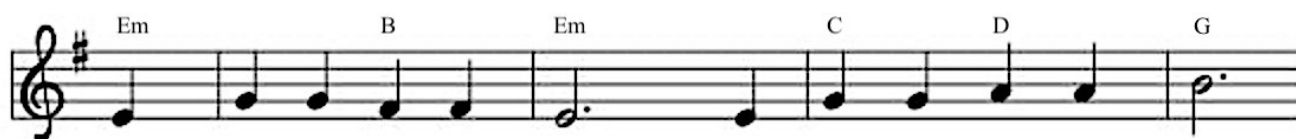


GREETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

THE GLORIA



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who
comes to judge the earth.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?


⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bb Gm F Eb Bb/F F Bb




Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Bb Gm F Eb Bb/F F Bb

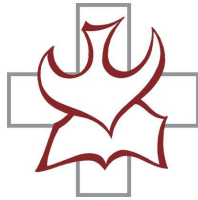


Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Bb F Gm D Eb Bb/F F Bb



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: This Is my Commandment

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT

F F/C

This is My com-mand-ment that you love one a - no-ther that your joy

C7 F C7 F

may be full. This is My com-mand-ment that you love one a-

F/C C7 F

no - ther that your joy may be full. That your

F Bb F F G7

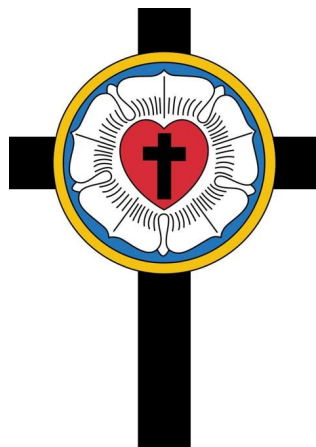
joy may be full. ————— That your joy may be

C C7 F

full. This is My com-mand-ment that you love one a-

F/C C7 F

no - ther that your joy may be full.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

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: Matthew Wieczorek, piano: Sarabande from Partita no 5 (J.S. Bach)

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spi - rit with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it. A - men.



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:

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

san - na in the high - est, 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

C7 F Dm Gm Bb F Am/E Dm Am/C Bb C



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

Am Gm Dm Bb Bb/G C7 Dm Dm/Bb C F



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Matthew Wieczorek, piano: Kinderszenen op 15 no 1 (Schumann)

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell eve - ry one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your pro - mi - ses, O God, and lead us forth in joy —

— with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le lu - ia.

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: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is the Refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you." The third staff contains four numbered verses: "1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet," "2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race," "3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;" and "4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:". The fourth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "mas - ter who acts as a slave to them. neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way. all these are neigh - bors to us and you. this is the way we will live with you." The word "Refrain" appears at the end of the fourth staff.

F Refrain *C7*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

Dm Gm C7 F

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

F C7 Dm

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Gm C F Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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
May 5	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
May 12	Michael Chomin	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
May 19	Susan Conrad	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder

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