



# 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."

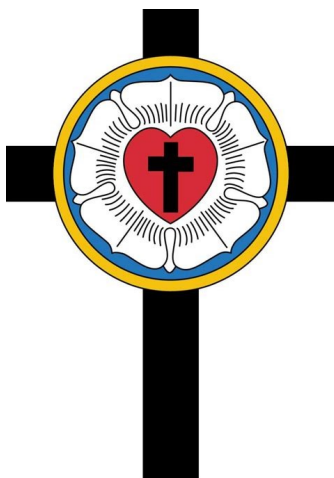
The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship 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: I Am Here in the Heart of God**

**WE WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION**

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them;  
For to such as these belongs the Kingdom of God. “

-Mark 10:13-16



# Opening Song: Jesus in the Morning

$\text{♩} = 132$       G                  B7    Em    Am7    D7    G                  G                  G

Je - sus,      Je - sus,  
Love\_\_Him,      love\_\_Him,

7      C                          C                  G                  G                  B7    Em

Je - sus in the morn - ing,      Je - sus at the noon - time,      Je - sus,      Je - sus,  
love Him in the morn ing,      love Him at the noon time,      love\_\_Him,      love\_\_Him

11      1. Am7                  D7                  G                  2. Am7                  D7                  G

Je - sus when the sun goes down!      love Him when the sun goes down!

15      G                          G                          C

3. Serve      Him,      serve      Him,      serve Him in the morn - ing,  
4. Praise      Him,      praise      Him,      praise Him in the morn - ing,

18      C                          G                          G                          B7                  Em

serve Him at the noon - time.      Serve      Him,      serve      Him,  
praise Him at the noon - time.      Praise      Him,      praise      Him,

21      1.      Am7                  D7                  G                  2.       $\text{♩} = 100$        $\text{♩} = 90$        $\text{♩} = 60$   
                         Am7                  D7                  G

serve Him when the sun goes down.      praise Him when the sun goes down.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

PASTOR: Let us love God with our hearts

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: Let us love God with our minds

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: Let us love God with our strength

**PEOPLE: and our neighbors as ourselves.**



## **FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, “Today’s the day I’m going to leave the disgrace of Egypt behind. Right here. Right now. And we’ll call this place Gilgal to mark where it happened.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped there, they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> That very next day, they ate what the land produced along with bread and grain. God stopped providing them with manna each day. That’s the year they ate the crops of the land they lived in, the land of Canaan.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**



## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

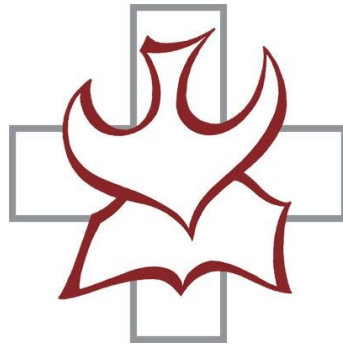
<sup>16</sup> From now on, we will see people the way God sees them. We knew Jesus from a human point of view, but now we know him as God has always known him—as a new creation. If any of us belongs to Christ, we are a new creation, too. God has made everything new. We are now right with God because of what Jesus did, and God asks us to help others become right with God, too. Jesus came into this sinful world to find us and bring us back in line with God’s purpose.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: The B-I-B-L-E**

The B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for me! I  
stand a - lone in the Word of God: the B - I - B - L - E! The  
B - I - B - L - E! Yes, that's the book for me! I  
stand a - lone on the Word of God The B - I - B - L - E!



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

The Gospel of the Lord:

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



**HOMILY: Pastor Paul**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

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Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways; a - gain I say, Re - joyce.

②



Re - joyce re - joyce, And a - gain I say, Re - joyce.

③



Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways: a - gain I say, re - joyce

## **A CREED**

**We believe in God the Creator**

**We believe in Jesus the Son.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit.**

**We Believe in God, the Holy three in one**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

**EACH PETITION ENDS:** God, in your mercy.

And we respond: **Receive our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

## **THE OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: All Night, All Day**

**God is So Good**

## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

**PASTOR:** Come, Lord Jesus

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus**

**PASTOR:** Be our guest

**PEOPLE: Be our guest**

**PASTOR:** And let these gifts

**PEOPLE: And let these gifts**

**PASTOR:** To us be blessed.

**PEOPLE: To us be blessed. 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, salutary, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **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**

We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed is 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 trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish for your child to receive communion, they are welcome to come forward for a blessing.



## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**



# COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: I Am Here in the Heart of God

I AM HERE IN THE HEART OF GOD

Erin McGaughan

SOLO VOICE:

CONGREGATION:



1. I am here in the heart of God.	I am here in the heart of God.
2. I am here in the breath of God.	I am here in the breath of God.
3. I am here in the soul of God.	I am here in the soul of God.
4. I am here in the mind of God.	I am here in the mind of God.
5. I am here in the heart of God.	I am here in the heart of God.

SOLO VOICE:

CONGREGATION:

*Fine*



God is here in the heart of me.	God is here in the heart of me.
God is here in the breath of me.	God is here in the breath of me.
God is here in the soul of me.	God is here in the soul of me.
God is here in the mind of me.	God is here in the mind of me.
God is here in the heart of me.	God is here in the heart of me.

SOLO VOICE:



Like the wave in the wa - ter and the wa - ter in the wave.
Like the wind in the Spring-time and the Spring-time in the wind.
Like the flame in the fi - re and the fi - re in the flame.
Like the earth in the bo - dy and the bo - dy in the earth.

CONGREGATION:



Like the wave in the wa - ter and the wa - ter in the wave.
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTORS	WORSHIP ASST.	USHERS
Mar 30	Sally Leara	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
Apr 6	Wendy McFarland	Brenda Heydt	Ed Moderacki
Apr13	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	Rick Helny



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 30	Wee Worship
Apr 2	Lenten Service: 7pm
Apr 5	Men's Breakfast
Apr 6	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Apr 9	Lenten Service: 7pm
Apr 12	Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30am & 11am



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