



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: Cindy Day



Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

SOLO: G *ALL:* D

1&5. *Christ is ri - sen!* He is ris - en in - deed!
 2. *God is good!* — God is good all the time!
 3. *All the time!* — All the time God is good!
 4. *Hal - le - lu - jah!* Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

SOLO: D *ALL:* G *SOLO:* G7 *ALL:*

Christ is ri - sen! He is ris - en in - deed! *Christ is ri - sen!* He is
God is good! God is good all the time! *God is good!* God is
All the time! All the time God is good! *All the time!* All the
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men. *Hal - le - lu - jah!* Hal - le -

Am/C C D G D (G)

ris - en in - deed! Christ is ris - en in - deed.
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 time God is good! All the time God is good!
lu - jah! A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!



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_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F B \flat maj7 Csus C

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

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/B \flat C F

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

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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

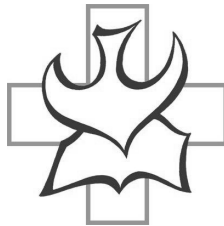
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



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.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

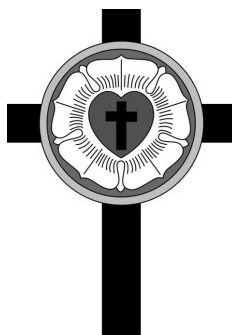
¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lamb of God Your Only Son

Twila Paris

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk up - on this guil - ty sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! I love you ho - ly Lamb of God. 2. Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O wash me in bap - tismal flood and raise me up, o Lamb of God. 3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. O wash me in bap - tismal flood and raise me up, o Lamb of God!

Chords: D, GM7, D, F#m, Bm, F#m, Em7, D/F#, GM7, Bm, F#m, G, GM7, D/A, GM7/A, D, A/C#, Bm, A7/G, D, F#m, Bm, D/F#, Em7, A7, D, Gm7, F#m, Bm, GM7, D/A, GM7/A, D

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: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki: Pass It On by Kurt Kaiser

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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 have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Because He Lives

Words by
William J. Gaither
and Gloria Gaither

Because He Lives

Music by
William J. Gaither

G/D D⁷ G G⁷/B C



1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to
 2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by, and feel the
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's

5 G D⁷/A G/B C G/D D⁷ Am⁷/E D⁷ Bm/D D⁷ G



love, heal and for - give. He bled and died
 pride and joy he gives; But great - er still
 fi - nal war with pain. And then, as death

10 G/B D/A G⁷ C Cm⁶ G/D



— to buy my par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to
 — the calm as - sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain
 — gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry

CHORUS

14 D⁷ G G/D G/B D/A G G⁷/B



prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives I can face to -
 days be - cause Christ lives.
 and I'll know He reigns.

19 C G D⁷/A G/B Em⁷ Am⁷



-mor - row; Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.

24 D D/C G/B D G D⁷/A G/B G G⁷sus G⁷ C



— Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

28 Cm⁶ G/D G/F E⁷ A⁷ D⁷ G



— and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Apr 27	Maggie Harrer	Vicki Coyle	John Leara
May 4	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki
May 11	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly

FLOWERS

- Apr 27 For: In memory of my grandmother Ruth Seigman
From: Antoinette Walder
- May 4 For: Memory of Matjasinski, Keese and Duffy families
From: Marge Duffy
- May 11 For:
From:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 27 Snack Pack Event
- May 3 Men's Breakfast
- May 4 Sunday School & Coffee Hour
- May 18 Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Congregational Meeting
- May 20 Council Meeting
- May 26 Memorial Day Church & School Closed

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