



Church of the Savior

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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: Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!



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: When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 this bless - ing shall break in: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

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

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6 [7-20]

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 30

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**



SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

- ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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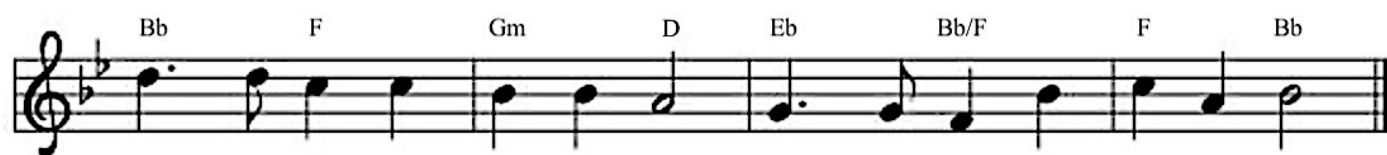
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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



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



GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Cesáreo Gabarain

1. You _____ have come down to the lake - shore
 2. You _____ know full well what I have, Lord:
 3. You _____ need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,
 4. You _____ who have fished o - ther wat - ers;

seek - ing neith - er _____ the wise nor the weal - thy,
 neith - er trea - sure _____ nor weap - ons for con - quest,
 work - ing love for _____ the rest of the wear - y
 you, the long - ng _____ of souls that are yearn - ing:

but on - ly ask - ing _____ for me to fol - low.
 just these my fish nets _____ and will for work - ing.
 a love that's wil - ling _____ to go on lov - ing.
 O lov - ing Friend, you _____ have come to call me.

Sweet Lord, _____ you have looked in - to my eyes; kindl - y smil - ing,

_____ you've called out my name. On the sand I _____ have a - ban - doned my

small boat; now with you, _____ I will seek ot - her seas.

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: Cindy Day: Amazing Grace

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A musical score for the hymn "Amazing Grace" by Cindy Day. The score is written on four staves in G-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are written above the notes: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F, Bbsus Bb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gmaj, Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

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:



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



The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, with lyrics: '1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the prayer, with lyrics: '2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;'. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of the prayer, with lyrics: '3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;'. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line of the prayer, with lyrics: 'you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.'. The fifth staff contains the melody for the fifth line of the prayer, with lyrics: 'you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.'. The sixth staff contains the melody for the sixth line of the prayer, with lyrics: 'e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature of one flat, and various chords (C7, F, Dm, Gm, Bb, Am/E, Dm, Am/C, Bb, C, Am, Gm, Dm, Bb, Bb/G, C7, Dm, Dm/Bb, C, F).

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.

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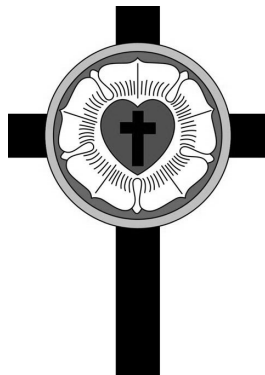


COMMUNION HYMN: Lord, Prepare Me

Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - a - ry,
pure and ho - ly, tried and true.
— With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a liv - ing —
— sanc - tu - a - ry, Lord, for You. —

COMMUNION BLESSING

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



G Em Am/C D
 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
 G C G/D D G
 the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 G Em Am/C D
 The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
 G C G/D D G
 the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 G Em Am
 The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
 D7 G Em D/A A D
 reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 G Em Am/C D
 Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
 G C G/D D G
 to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.



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: 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.
good all the time! God is good all the time.
time God is good! All the time God is good!
lu - jah! A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

 *Go Now*
in Peace 



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
May 4	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki
May 11	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
May 18	Michael Chomin	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

May 4	For:	Memory of Matjasinski, Keese and Duffy families
	From:	Marge Duffy
May 11	For:	
	From:	
May 18	For:	For our May 28th Anniversary of 59 years
	From:	Paul & Lorraine Miller

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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