



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: If Not For Grace



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.

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: If Not For Grace

Clint Brown & John Newton

IF NOT FOR GRACE

Clint Brown, adapted

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some half notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: D, G, D, G, D, Bm, G, D, G, D, Bm, G, D. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

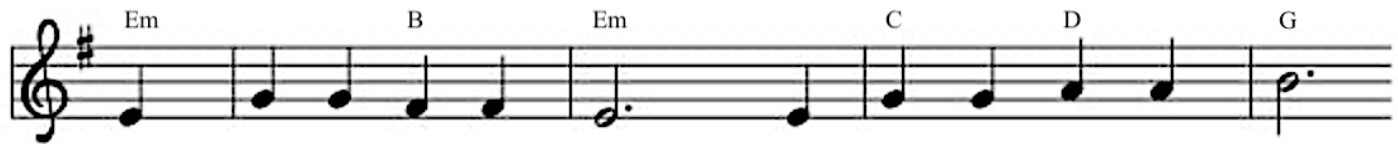
Where would I be, You on - ly know. You on - ly
see through eyes of love. A hope-less case, an emp-ty
place, if not for grace. A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the
sound! I once was lost, but now I'm found. I once was
blind, but now I see Your love for me!

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

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING: First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.
² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**
³ who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;
⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**
⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.
⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**
⁷ For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.
⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**
⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.



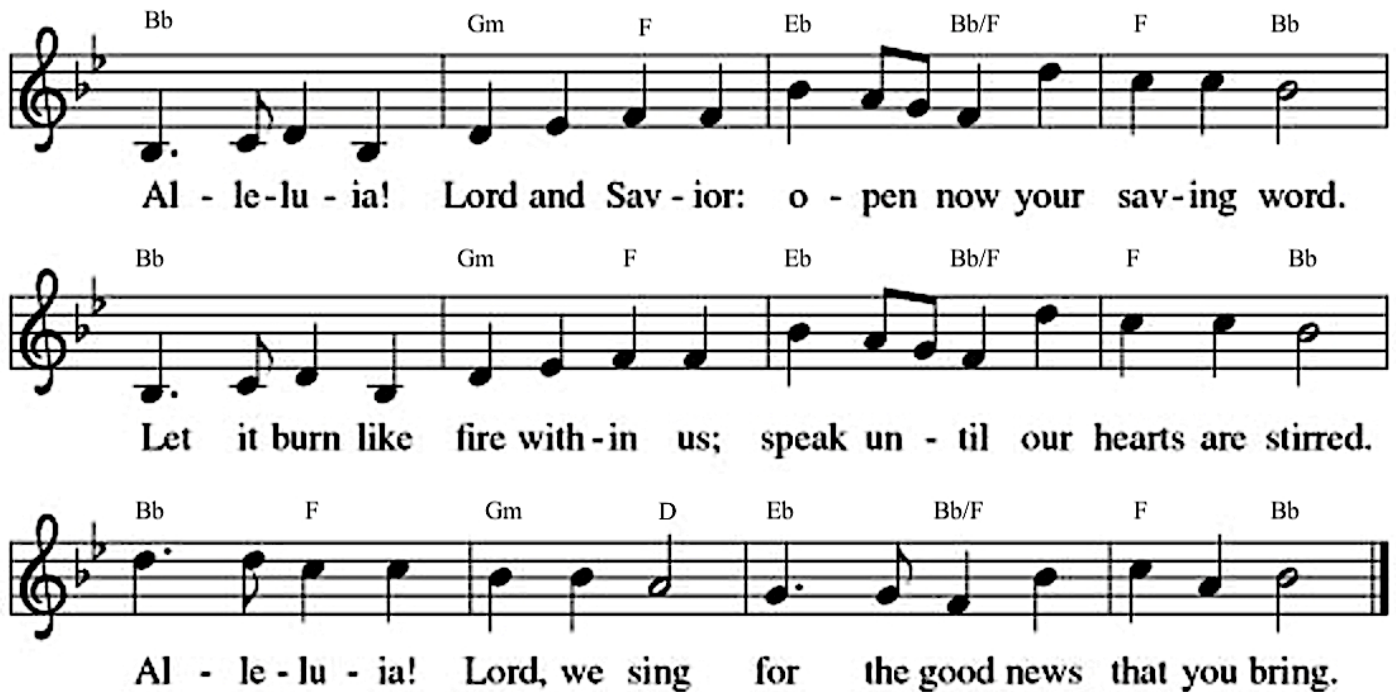
SECOND READING: Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The notes are: Bb, G, F, Eb, Bb/F, F, Bb. The second staff has the same notes. The third staff has a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The notes are: Bb, F, Gm, D, Eb, Bb/F, F, Bb. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Make Us One

1. Lord, make us one, that we may be
 2. Lord, make us one, and not a - fraid
 3. Lord, make us one, though deep with - in
 4. Lord, make us one, but not the same.
 5. Lord, make us one, that all may know

all that You are for all to see.
 To love each child that you have made.
 It goes a - gainst all that we've been.
 In diffe - rent words, Your Word pro - claim.
 What Je - sus died for long a - go.

And in this world— of in - ner night,
 Give grace to hear, to meet their need,
 Our fear, our pride, our self re - move;
 Let us not judge, let us but find
 Made in the i - mage of Your— Son,

Cause us to be Your— life and light.
 Not just with words but with love in - deed.
 Make us pure ves - sels— of Your love.
 All that's of You in— hu - man kind.
 Lord, make us Yours! Lord, make us one!

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: Linda McElroy, violin: "I Am Thine, O Lord," "I Love to Tell the Story"

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Eb Fm7 Bb Eb Cm F
 Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with-
 Bbsus Bb Bb/Ab Fm7 Eb/Bb Bb Gmaj
 in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your
 Cm F7 Bb Bb7 Eb/Bb Bb Eb/Bb
 Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal -
 Ab Bb Eb7 Ab Fm7 Bb Ebsus Eb
 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

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: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

1.&3. Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, Look
2. Turn your thoughts up - on Je - sus, Your

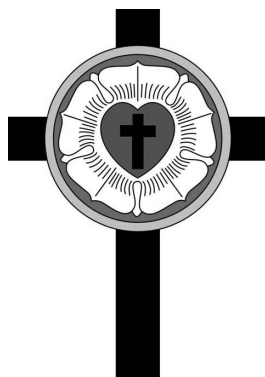
full in His won - der - ful face, _____ And the
heart to the things set a - bove, _____ And all

things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, In the
thoughts of sor - row and sin and self Will be

light of His glo - ry and grace. _____
lost in His won - der - ful love. _____

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: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our

Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

 Go Now
in Peace




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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
June 1	Vicki Coyle	Sally Leara	Ed Moderacki
June 8	Maggie Harrer	Laurie Feingold	Rick Henly
June 15	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

June 1	For: Katie Henly's Birthday
	From: Maggie Harrer & Rick Henly
June 8	For:
	From:
June 15	For:
	From:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
June 7	Men's Breakfast
June 17	Council Meeting
June 22	75th Anniversary Service & Picnic: 10am, Picnic immediately follows
June 29	Wee Worship

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