



Church of the Savior

LUTHERAN

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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: Beautiful Flower, composed by John Roessler



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!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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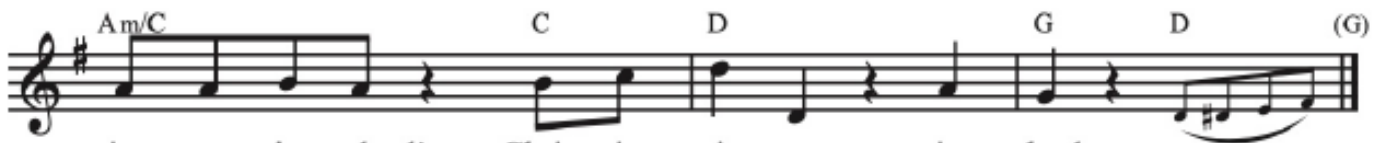
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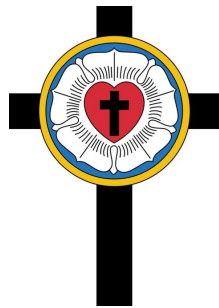
1&5. *Christ is ri - sen!* He is ris - en in - deed!
2. *God is good!* — God is good all the time!
3. *All the time!* — All the time God is good!
4. *Hal - le - lu - jah!* Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



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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!



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 C_{sus} 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

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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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
² **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. Chord symbols are placed above and below the staves to indicate the harmonic accompaniment.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Ralph Salzgeber

HYMN OF THE DAY: Two Men on a Road

from Luke 24:13-35

Two Men on a Road

words & music by Bill Vollinger



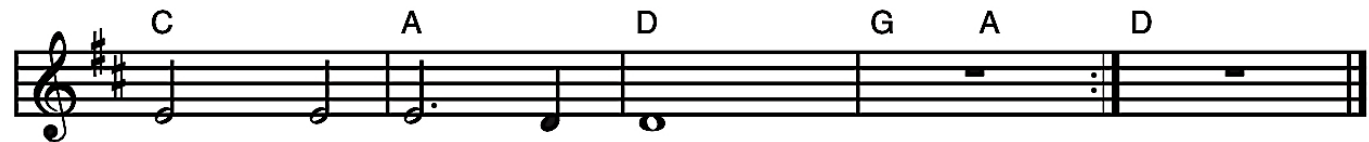
1. Two men on a road.	Two men on a
2. "Why are you so sad?"	"Why are you so
3. "That's why Je - sus came."	"That's why Je - sus
4. Then he broke the bread.	Then he broke the



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Then a stran - ger came.	Then a stran - ger came.
"That's cause Je - sus died."	"That's cause Je - sus died."
They asked him to stay.	They asked him to stay.
"Je - sus is a - live!"	"Je - sus is a - live!"



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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: Receive our prayer.

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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, — be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks! — Give thanks! — Give thanks! —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Words and Music by
Rick Founds

♩=86 **VERSE**

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high; Lord, I love to sing _ Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G



prais - es. _ I'm so glad You're in _ my life;

CHORUS

7 G C/G D D^{SUS} D C G C



I'm so glad You came _ to save _ us. _ You came from heav - en to earth .

10 D C/D G C D C



_ to show the way, _ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; .

13 G C D Em⁷



_ From the cross _ to the grave, _ from the grave _ to the sky; .

15 Am⁷ D G



_ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

We welcome Pastor Ralph Salzgaber today. Ralph writes “I am native of Columbus Ohio, and received my Bachelors of Arts in Religion from Capital University, and my Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California with a concentration in Church Growth. Later I received a grant from the National Council of Churches to study towards a Doctor of Ministry Degree in the area of Stewardship and Church Finance at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston Illinois.

I began my ministry as a parish pastor, mostly concentrating on helping small and/or struggling churches grow. Over the years I served in several denominations including the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, Lutheran and United Methodist in California, New Mexico, Ohio, New Jersey and New York.”

We are grateful for your ministry today.



*Go Now
in Peace*



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Apr 19	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki
Apr 26	Vicki Coyle	Sally Leara	John Leara
May 3	Michael Chomin	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

April 19	For: Welcome Spring and Giving Thanks for All My Family From: Susan Conrad
April 26	For: In Loving Memory of My Grandmother and faith mentor, Ruth Seigman From: Antoinette Walder
May 3	For: In Memory of the Matjasimski, Keese and Duffy families From: Marge Duffy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 19	Sunday School
Apr 20	Council Meeting at 7pm Room 5
May 2	Men's Breakfast
May 3	Sunday School & Coffee Hour

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