

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

*"Making disciples and growing in grace"*

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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

## Welcome/Announcements

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Prelude

*Easter Alleluia Medley Instrumental*

Lanier, Gary

Carolynn Bailey and Frankie Lane-Odiorne

*Please stand*

## Litany for Easter Morning

People of God, you have come seeking  
the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**We have come to have our hope  
restored. We have lived with our fear  
too long. We have heard Jesus has  
conquered death, and we want to  
hear the Good News again.**

Do not be afraid, for he is risen from the  
dead. He has broken the tomb wide  
open.

**We have doubted our Lord and  
deserted him. We feel guilty for what  
we have done and left undone.**

Jesus has taken our sin with him to the  
cross and has paid the ultimate price for  
our redemption. This is the good news:  
Jesus is alive so we can be alive through  
him.

**Christ is risen, Alleluia!**

## Gathering Hymn

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**ELW 365**

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host,  
Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Prayer of the Day

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## First Reading:

**Acts 10:34-43** (pb-1272)

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the

living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24** (pb-557-558)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,**

**“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

**and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Second Reading:**

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26** (pb-1319)

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### **Gospel: John 20:1-18** (pb-1258)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two

were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**Young Peoples Message**      Laura Patrick

**Sermon**      Pastor Jim

*Please stand.*

**Sermon Song**

*Hymn of Promise*      Natalie Sleeth

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the  
seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies  
will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a  
spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something  
God alone can see.

2 There's a song in ev'ry silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing  
hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what  
it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something  
God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our  
time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life,  
eternity;  
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a  
victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something  
God alone can see.

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Please stand.

**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.**

## Prayers of the Intercession

Following each prayer petition,  
respond to "God of Grace,"  
with "**hear our prayer.**"  
Typed out prayers are printed and  
included on the bulletin insert.

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
always.  
**And also with you.** *(Please greet  
one another with a sign of Christ's  
peace.)*

*Please sit.*

## Offering

### Offertory

*Alleluia, Love Is Alive*

Manibusan, Hart, and Angrisano

People of God see the morning is new  
Rise from your sleeping and run to the  
tomb

Come and see come and see He is alive

A grave that is empty a promise  
fulfilled

God who was with us is here with us  
still

He is here He is here He is alive

### *Chorus*

Alleluia love is alive

Conquered the grave and defeated the  
night

Alleluia love is alive  
The Son has arisen for all  
Your people sing alleluia

People of God let your fear fall away  
Your chains have been broken abandon  
your shame  
Lift your hearts lift your hearts He is  
alive

Here now is mercy embracing your  
soul

Here the fulfillment that once was  
foretold

It is true it is true He is alive

### *Chorus*

Alleluia love is alive

Conquered the grave and defeated the  
night

Alleluia love is alive  
The Son has arisen for all  
Your people sing alleluia

People of God now rejoicing in Christ  
Carry your joy to the darkness of night  
Tell the world tell the world He is alive  
Hear the good news of this glorious day  
Every heart singing as heaven  
proclaims  
He is Lord He is Lord He is alive

### *Chorus*

Alleluia love is alive

Conquered the grave and defeated the  
night

Alleluia love is alive  
The Son has arisen for all  
Your people sing alleluia

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*Please stand*

## Offering Prayer

**Risen Lord,  
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.**

## Holy Communion

We give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

## Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray.

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

## Song during Communion

*Your Will Be Done*

Robinson and Thompson

Solo – Martha Hawk

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*Now the Green Blade Rises*

**ELW 379**

- 1 Now the green blade rises from  
the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many  
days has lain;

love lives again, that with the  
dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat  
arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love  
by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never  
wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that  
sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat  
arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the  
risen grain,  
he that for three days in the  
grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living  
Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat  
arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life  
again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and  
bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat  
arising green.

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*Please stand*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Risen Lord,  
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.**

### **Blessing**

Now may the God of peace, that  
brought again from the dead our Lord  
Jesus, that great shepherd of the  
sheep, through the blood of the  
everlasting covenant, make you  
perfect in every good work to do his  
will, working in you that which is well  
pleasing in his sight. Almighty God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Sending**

*Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds*  
**ELW 367**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n  
resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless  
love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go now in peace to love and serve the  
Risen Lord and one another.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Now All the Vault of  
Heaven Resounds

### *Worship volunteers for today:*

Acolyte: Parker; Ushers: Travis and  
Janeen; Lector: Laura Patrick; Communion  
Asst.: Brenda Whitson; A/V: Frank Tellers:  
Huff and Pennell; Pastor: Jim DuMond;  
Music Director: Martha Hawk;  
Organ/Piano: Carolynn Bailey

### *Worship volunteers for April 27:*

Acolyte: Torin; Ushers: Cheryl and  
Carmen; Lector: Kathy Baker; Communion  
Asst.: Patty Neas; A/V: Patty; Tellers:  
Forsman and Martelli; Pastor: Jim  
DuMond; Music Director: Martha Hawk;  
Organ/Piano: Carolynn Bailey

### **Please Pray For**

**Members:** Dee Freeman; Annabelle Mason;  
Clancy Glassmyer; Rusty Campbell; Kathy  
Leonard; Bill McComb; Jean Loveday;  
Karin McCoy; Sharon Raye; Ann  
Cunningham; Bill Ewing; Barbara  
Jernigan; Duane Williams; Doug Huff;  
Becky Hamilos; Kathy Robinson; Curtis  
Van Hooser; Bill Brooks; Barbara Diehl;  
Steve and Karen Mears; Pat Keffer; Mary  
King; Fred & Sylvia Beckelhimers; Scott &  
Cindy Gibsons; John Paul Neas; Maggie  
Flint-Waldron

**Family Members & Friends:** Ryan Nesseth  
(ALS); Julian and Juniper Hawk; Kitty Hawk  
Loewen; Bob Edwards; Nikki Miller; Mitze  
Anderson; Alice Sulkowski; Rhonda Mayo

**Families of the Week:** Bill & Theresa  
McComb; Terry & Ann Ottinger

## **Announcements**

### **Change of Office Hours**

Due to a medical condition, our new  
secretary, Rhonda, will not be returning to  
work here for the foreseeable future, if at  
all. Therefore, we are changing the office  
hours to Tuesdays and Wednesdays from  
10am to 1pm. If you need access to the  
church and do not have a key, please  
contact someone who does have a key or  
let Pastor Jim know.

### **Announcements for Bulletin**

Pastor Jim is asking that any  
announcements for upcoming Sunday's  
bulletin be submitted by Tuesday.

### **We will be having a Christian Ed meeting**

on April 27 following the worship service.  
We would like all parents and  
grandparents of our children and youth to  
attend if possible.

### **InReach Planning Meeting For May Events:**

We will meet in the Library after the April  
27th service. If anyone is interested in  
participating or learning about what we  
do or who we are, please join us.

### **We are receiving love donations for**

KoloHub, a non-profit 501c3 charitable  
organization based in Knoxville that  
provides direct humanitarian and medical  
relief to war-impacted people and animals  
in Ukraine. KoloHub is collecting funds for  
a summer camp in Ukraine for children  
who have experienced loss or trauma  
from the ongoing war. The camp will  
provide 30+ children with a safe location  
to foster healing, self-confidence, and  
long-term wellbeing. Checks may be made  
payable to KoloHub. You can learn more  
about this charity via its website at  
[www.kolohub.com](http://www.kolohub.com).

If you would like more information, please  
ask Pastor Jim or Paul Gregory.



**Due to Mary Miller's recent** passing, Wayne Miller has some items left over from hospice, and hospice will not take these supplies back. Please contact Wayne Miller if you would like more information.

### **Graduates**

We are recognizing children and grandchildren of members who are graduating from High School or College. If you have someone graduating this May or June, please let the office know. Young members of our congregation who are graduating from high school will receive a quilt from WELCA.

### **Contact information forms**

In order to make sure that we have correct contact information for you, we ask that you please complete one of the contact information forms that are available in the narthex. After completing them, please return them by putting them in the offering plate or by sending them to the office.

### **Personal Care Kits**

The time is here to begin collecting monetary donations and individually wrapped bars of soap (preferably Ivory) for our Personal Care Kits. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be sent to developing countries. Monetary donations will be used by our committee to purchase other items, including toothbrushes, nail clippers, combs, and towels. Please bring soap to the Narthex during April and May. Checks can be made to OSLC with WELCA Health Kits on the memo line, or checks can be made out to WELCA and given to Lu Mattson, to Cheryl Milliken, or placed in the offering plate.

**Melting Pot needs** individually wrapped desserts. Please bring these by and place them in the kitchen.

**Summer Camp Scholarships** for children and youth are available. Application forms are on the bulletin board. Call Cheryl for more information.

**Please wear your name tag** or use a sticker tag.

**Prospective members!** If you have an interest in becoming a member, please reach out to the pastor.

**If you want a prayer request**, fill out the card in the back of each pew, where the envelopes sit, and give your information to the pastor before the service starts.

**Christ calls each of us to offer our time, talents, and treasures to carry out his mission in the world.**

**We always need volunteers:**

- ▶ to serve as ushers for our Sunday morning services. See Janeen Bradley Pennell
- ▶ we need teachers for the children. Sign up on bulletin board.
- ▶ coffee maker, set out sugars, creamers, and bring a snack each Sunday at 9am. Signup sheet is on bulletin boards.
- ▶ volunteer drivers to carpool members to and from church worship and other activities, both on Sundays and other days of the week. Call or email the office.

### **Sunday, April 20**

9am-Easter Breakfast

10am-Worship

### **Monday, April 21**

9-2pm-PDO

### **Tuesday, April 22**

10am-Cover Girls

### **Wednesday, April 23**

9-2pm-PDO

4:30pm-Choir

### **Thursday, April 24**

11:45-LGG Firehouse

### **Sunday, April 27**

9am-Sunday school/coffee hour

10am-Worship

11am-Inreach Meeting

11am-Christian Ed Meeting

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## **Prayers of the Intercession**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church.  
Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish.  
God of grace

**hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation.  
Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation.  
God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (*especially*).  
God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Send your Holy Spirit to open the heart of a Pastor that is right for Our Saviour to answer the call to lead this congregation according to your will and direction.  
God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet.  
God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

**Amen.**