

# WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

**LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH** welcomes you as you join with us in worship this day. May the Holy Spirit bless you with the message you hear from God's Word, the prayers, the hymns, and the fellowship we share with you. Here is some information you might find helpful:

- If you are a guest, please fill out one of the inserts and leave it in your seat at the end of the service. We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Out of health considerations, wearing a face covering is required throughout the service, especially during the times you are speaking or singing.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex as well as in both restrooms.
- Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. If you need to step out for a moment with your child, a Family Room is located right outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Changing Tables are located in the Restrooms.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *We are very glad that you have joined us today for this worship service as we hear the Word of God and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This church is in fellowship with other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As such, we believe and practice the biblical teaching that we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament (Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22). If you have a different understanding of Communion or are still learning about this biblical teaching, we love you enough to ask you not to receive Holy Communion this day (1 Corinthians 11). However, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the time of Communion. If later you have questions about this or any other teachings, the pastor would be very pleased to talk with you.*

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**Places of the Passion**  
**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday: The Garden Tomb**

*Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there. John 19:41-42*

**Pre-Service Music**

**8:00/9:30 Call to Worship by Choir**  
**“Easter Celebration!”**

Nancy Price & Don Besig

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Invocation and Opening Words**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus!

**C To see the depths of his love!**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

**C To gaze upon the heights of his grace!**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy!

**C We travel to the garden tomb.**

P And we need not be afraid.

**C For Christ is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**C Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

**Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

LSB 457

**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!**

**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!**

**But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!**

**Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!**

**Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!**

**Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**

**Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!**

**Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Forgive me, O Lord, when my sins entangle me and completely surround me.

**C Who will rescue?**

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get, but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts, but so unwilling to bear the cross.

**C Who will rescue me?**

P Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

**C Who will rescue me from this body?**

P Forgive me, O God, when I am quick to find fault, but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play, but so late in prayer.

**C Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

P Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

**C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P Hear the good news! Jesus went to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. And Jesus lives—for you! That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally.

Faithful Lord, with me abide!

**C I shall follow where you guide!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God and Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading, Job 19:23-27**

L "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

### **6:45 Solo by Lyric Morgan**

**"He is Exalted"**

Twila Paris

### **Epistle Reading, Romans 8:15-18**

L For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

### **8:00/9:30 Scripture Song by Choir**

**"Celebrate! Christ the Lord is Risen!"**

Paul Williams & Larry Schackley

### **10:45 Solo by Cheryl Bailes**

**"In Christ Alone"**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## **Gospel Reading, Matthew 28:1-11**

P Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

## **Sermon Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

LSB 461

**I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

## **Sermon "Fear Not!"**

Matthew 28:1-11

## **Offering**

*(Our offerings give us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many ways He has blessed us. Members and regular attendees support God's mission and ministry as He works through this congregation. Guests are welcome to give an offering, but are not expected to do so. Psalm 54:6; 116:12-14, 17)*

## **Offering Video "Empty"**

## **Prayers**

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray....

Living Lord Jesus, on the first day of the week, you rolled away the stone from the tomb and opened up life for all who believe. Roll away the stones of fear in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C Hear our prayer.**

P Living Lord Jesus, replace our fear with bold faith—a faith that looks at challenges, pain, setbacks and heartaches and gives it all to you. Especially, we pray for....

Lord, in your mercy,

### **C Hear our prayer.**

P Living Lord Jesus, release us from the prisons of fear that we might be free. Set free all who live in bondage to anxiety, chained to addiction, and enslaved to evil. Lord, in your mercy,

### **C Hear our prayer.**

P Living Lord Jesus, you set your table before us, the remembrance of the Passover fulfilled and the antic-

ipation of the future prepared for us; give us faith that we may receive this Holy Communion for our benefit and show forth love for you and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Living Lord Jesus, you bid us to go forth confidently with Easter faith and a deathless and endless hallelujah; we will do just that, in the power of your Holy Spirit and as a witness to the world.

**C Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

**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.**

**Closing Easter Greeting**

P Jesus invites us to walk with him to the garden tomb, a place of great joy and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all our days to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

**C Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Closing Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

**LSB 477**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**△ Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

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**Holy Communion**

**We Share in the Feast of Our Resurrected Lord**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

# “This Is The Feast”

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## Distribution Hymns

### “The Lamb”

LSB 547

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.**

**Refrain**

**3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill.**

**Refrain**

**4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.**

**Refrain**

**5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

**Refrain**

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**“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”**

**LSB 685**

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.**

**Let us also live with Jesus, he has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.  
We are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.**

**Special thanks to all the musicians for adding joy to our Easter worship  
this day!**