

# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday in Easter

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 am Service & Live Stream Service

**INVOCATION**            In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.            **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN**            **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**            **Hymn #143**

Now all the vault of heaven 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, Christ has triumphed!”  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings;  
“Christ hath 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!; Jesus reigneth!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 ever say;  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, You are the Vine Grower; to know You is to abide in Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may love one another.

**Forgive us when we do not submit to Your rule in our lives, and we forget that You gave Your only begotten Son for us.**

Lord Jesus, You are the True Vine; apart from You our works are nothing.

**May we boldly confess You as the Son of God, the True Messiah that as Your disciples we may bear much fruit in Your name.**

Holy Spirit, Guide us that we may listen to Your call in our lives.

**Lead us as your people, that together we may do your will.**

*(moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)*

God is The Vine Grower, Jesus is The Vine. Apart from Him we can do nothing. Remind us of the costly sacrifice Jesus gave for our sins, that we might be His disciples and bear much fruit in His name. Through faith in Him and the waters of baptism, you are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to those who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, apart from You we can do nothing. You are The Vine Grower. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have been grafted into the True Vine. As disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit to Your glory, so that we may know where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

#### **PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### **THE WORD**

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**FIRST READING** Acts 8:26-40 NT p.1002  
*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")*

**SECOND READING** 1 John 4:7-21 NT p.1114  
*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")*

**Special Music** "In The Garden" Saving Grace Choir  
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia" p. 83

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** John 15:1-8 NT p.995  
*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord!")*  
*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")*

**SERMON** "Now, That's Really Living!" Pastor David Irgens

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#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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**Hymn of the Day** "Abide with us, Our Savior" Hymn #263

Abide with us, our Savior, nor let your mercy cease;  
from Satan's might defend us, and grant our souls release.

Abide with us, our Savior, sustain us by your Word;  
that we with all your people to life may be restored.

Abide among us always, Lord, with your faithfulness;  
O Jesus, leave us never, but help us in distress.

Abide with us, our Savior, O light of endless light,  
Bestow on us your blessings, and save us by your might.

## Reception of Offering

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the  
virgin, Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION     *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

### LORD'S PRAYER, (SUNG)

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

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## SENDING

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### SENDING HYMN

### “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

HYMN #333

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray:  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O Blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

## Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor<sup>[a]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live for ever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To him,<sup>[c]</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep in<sup>[d]</sup> the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup> and<sup>[f]</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

<b>Saturday Keyboardist:</b>	<b>Kayla Shoemaker</b>
<b>Sunday Keyboardist:</b>	<b>Tish DeYoung</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>Pam Eberhardt</b>



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### WORSHIP:

**Sat 5:00 pm In-Person and Radio Broadcast for the Parking Lot**

**Sun 8:30 In-Person, 10:30 AM-In-Person, & Livestream**

**David Irgens, Senior Pastor, Dan Doran, Associate Pastor**

**Melissa Corlett: Education Director, Kathy Jaenke, Office Manager**

**Choir Director: Hannah DeYoung, Kristina Johnson, Children's Choir Director**

**Keith Muchow, (Videography), Seth Anderson-Lind, (Audio)**