

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Day Contemporary Worship

Sunday, April 5, 2026 @ 10:30 AM
(Live-Streamed)

GATHERING

PRELUDE "High Praise"

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

When death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more (Rev 21:4), shattered hearts will be mended.

We will see Him as He is! He is Lord of heaven and earth!

Death could not contain Him, the stone has been rolled away, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The angels have proclaimed it, with terror and amazement we believe it! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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, You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ to suffer death on a cross and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. The dawn shines with the radiance of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with You forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "Savior of the World"

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

NT p. 1004

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message

spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

NT p. 1075

The New Life in Christ

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God”)

WORSHIP SONG

“Death Was Arrested”

GOSPEL

John 20:1-8

NT p. 990

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says “Glory to you, O Lord”)

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹ 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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and he believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, “Praise to you, O Christ”)

SERMON

“as yet they did not understand”

Pastor David Irgens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG “Thank You Jesus For the Blood”

BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

SPECIAL MUSIC “Hallelujah Chorus” from *The Messiah*

**Handel
Saving Grace Choir**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Musicians

Katherine Altreuter, Worship Lead & Bass

Sue Seeger, Piano

Denny Menter, Guitar

Kelly Wohlbier, Drums

Devondre Jaquish, Violin

Grace Phelps, Violin

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