

# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Easter Day Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 5, 2026 @ 8:30 AM  
(Live-Streamed)

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### GATHERING

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#### 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**

#### Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #151

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

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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

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### THE WORD

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#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

NT p. 1004

*Gentiles Hear the Good News*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “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."

*(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***

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When 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")*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (vs. 1) Hymn #143**

**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! Christ has triumphed!"**

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:1-18**

**NT p. 990**

*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")*

***The Resurrection of Jesus***

<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 he 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.

***Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene***

<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.

*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")*

**SERMON**

**"as yet they did not understand"**

**Pastor David Irgens**

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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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**Hymn of the Day "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

**Hymn #143**

**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**

**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**

**BLESSING AND PRAYER**

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**SENDING**

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**Sending Hymn**

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

**Hymn #145**

**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)**

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

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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

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

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

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

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing;  
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.**

**Musicians**

Sue Seeger, Piano  
Devondre Jaquish, Violin  
Grace Phelps, Violin  
Brae Bigelow, Viola  
Esme Olstadt, Bass  
John Welch, Trumpet



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