



# 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:

- 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.
- Please fill out an attendance sheet in the pad on the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We ask guests and members to fill them out each week. Guests: We promise we will not bombard you with emails or calls, but this information is helpful for staying in touch.
- Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

**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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## Easter Sunday: Mercy in the Open Tomb

Living Savior Lutheran Church – April 17, 2022

*“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.” Matthew 28:5-6*

***The 6:45 Sunrise Service begins in quiet darkness like the first Easter began. As the women went to the tomb early that morning just as the sun was rising, their hearts were heavy, because they only expected to encounter the cold, lifeless body of their Lord. They were there to prepare him for final burial. Little did they know what would happen next....***

### Confession and Forgiveness (6:45)

*Romans 6:3–4*

**P** As we come together in the darkness of this morning, it is a present reminder of the darkness in our world and in our own souls, the darkness that led our Lord Jesus to willingly lay down His life for us.

*Silence for personal confession*

**P** We confess:

**C** Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, we come before You and acknowledge the darkness that still maintains a foothold in our lives and is evidenced in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our lives do not always bear witness to the victorious power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by the power of Your Spirit, so that we may walk in Your ways and reveal Your resurrection love to the world.

**P** People of God, the Christ who died and was buried on Good Friday was found to be alive on Easter Sunday, and He continues to live among us. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

**P** As a servant of our redeeming and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, and with His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences (6:45)

*Job 19:23–27*

**P** “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!

**C** 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!”

### Call to Worship Video “This Is Easter” (6:45)

### Easter Proclamation (6:45)

**P** Christ is risen!

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

**Pre-Service Music (9:15 & 10:45)**

**Welcome/Announcements (9:15 & 10:45)**

**Call to Worship by Choir (9:15 & 10:45): “Our Savior Is Alive”**

Nancy Price and Don Besig

**Opening Sentences (9:15 & 10:45)**

*Various Scripture References*

**P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Christ is risen!

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

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy endures forever!

**C** Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

**P** Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

**C** Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

**P** The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

**C** Because He lives, we shall live also.

**P** The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

**C** Because He lives, we shall live also.

**P** The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**C** Because He lives, we shall live also.

**P** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**C** Because He lives, we shall live also.

**P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C** Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

**P** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C** Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

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

**C** Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and his mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

Jesus Christ is risen 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 pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have 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 ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Confession and Forgiveness (9:15 & 10:45)**

**P** On this day we celebrate Christ’s resurrection from the grave. But we also remember why He went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for his suffering and death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek his mercy.

**C** Most merciful God, it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that his lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of his resurrection enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name.

**P** We cry to you for mercy.

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)*

**P** Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that Jesus “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification” (Romans 4:25). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sins and justifies you, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C** Amen.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- P** Gracious Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we do so in view of your mercy. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have defeated death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. We thank you that his victory over sin, death and hell is shared with us so that we become more than conquerors through him who loved us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to live as newborn children of God. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Prophet**

Exodus 15:1-18

- L** Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever."

## **Choir (9:15 & 10:45) "A Never Ending Alleluia"**

Joseph Martin

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Apostle**

Romans 6:3-11

- L** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **God Speaks to Us Through His Son**

Matthew 28:1-10

- 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."

## **Children's Message**

Cheryl Bailes

### **Sermon Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

LSB 469

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply.**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, thou!**

## **God Speaks to Us Through Pastor Bailes: "Surprise!"**

Matthew 28:1-10

### **Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## We Worship God through Our Offerings

*(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)*

### Hymn "He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480, 1-4

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

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### Prayers

- P** Risen Christ, we rejoice at your victory over sin. United with you in baptism, may we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Living Lord, we celebrate your triumph over death. As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, may we walk in newness of life. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Victorious Deliverer, we acclaim your defeat of the devil. Trusting in your declaration of justification, may we live in freedom from the accusation of guilt. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Loving Redeemer, we affirm your rescue of us from hell. May we never fear the grave or what follows but eagerly anticipate our own resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Mighty Conqueror, we hail you as King of kings and Lord of lords. May we serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives and into eternity. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to face death with hope in the sure and certain promise of life everlasting through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- C** Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.



**+ Our Risen Lord Comes to Us in His Body and His Blood +**

**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.

**Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**1** Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

**2** All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.

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Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**3** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**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.

**Lord’s Prayer**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## Peace of the Lord

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

**G** Amen.

### Hymn: “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*
- ref 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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### Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,

**Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

- 3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***
- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***
- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain***

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**Post-Communion Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**LSB 525**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.**
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.**
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,**

**Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.**

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### **Final Blessing**

**P** May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Hebrews 13:20-21).

**C** Amen.

### **Sending Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### **Closing Hymn: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

LSB 461, 1-3, 5, 8

**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 silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;**

**He lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**

**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!**