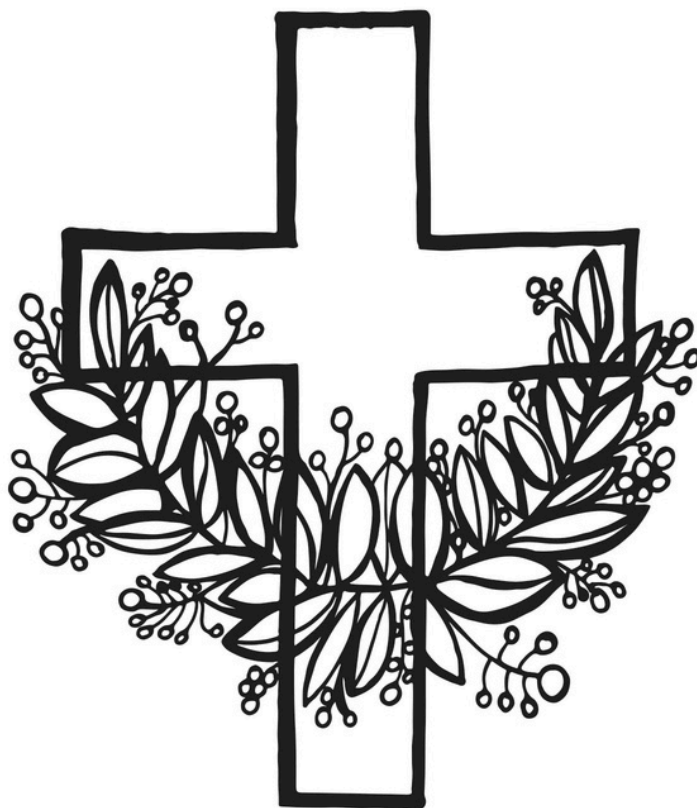


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5, 2026
7:30 AM and 9:30 AM



WELCOME



ELCA

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in

our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



Newcomers + Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families - we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you."

Hearing Assistance - headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Our current liturgy is from All Creation Sings, Setting 12, and Sundays and Seasons.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Fred Alvord; Pat Alvord; Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's surgery); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (care facility), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), Hildi Williams (recovering from injury); Martha Neff Stum (health diagnosis); and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Pastor Adele Resmer, former interim pastor (recovering from back surgery); Kay G. recovering from hip replacement surgery (Mary Pflibsen's aunt); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Mevis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner); Michael (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Beverly and Shorty (Dave Varley's parents).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for Easter Sunday testify to the news and implications of God's raising of Jesus. Acts records the first preaching of Easter's hope and invitation to a group of Gentiles. It is the Gospel's first but not last effort to include outsiders in community. The Church has heard in the psalmist's "this is the day the Lord has made" a refrain of Easter's enacting by God's steadfast love. In Colossians, God's raising of Jesus serves as a call to new living in this day and age by those raised in Christ. Matthew's account of Easter tells of a trip to a tomb transformed into a far different journey. Good news is heard, fear is banished, and the Risen Jesus is encountered.



Blenman- Elm Neighborhood Home and Garden Tour Sunday,
April 12, 10:30 - 5:00
Self-guided neighborhood tour.

You must have a ticket for this event. See QR code in this article.
One of our 5 areas of focus is "Neighborhood," so we are delighted to be part of this year's tour.

"The Blenman Elm Home Tour is a celebration of how neighbors care for both history and each other," said a home tour committee member. "It's a rare opportunity to see how historic spaces evolve through thoughtful, creative living."

BLENMAN-ELM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU



**BLENMAN-ELM NEIGHBORHOOD
HOME & GARDEN TOUR 2026**

DWELLINGS THROUGH TIME
A self-guided tour of historic dwellings, casitas, and gardens. Proceeds benefit neighborhood projects and Blenman Elementary School.

04.12.2026
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Tickets at Eventbrite

Visit blenman-elm.org for more information



April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN - ELW #379 Now the Green Blade Rises (7:30 AM) Hymnal**
ELW #365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (9:30 AM)
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

***GREETING**

The grace of 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**

FIRST READING

Our first reading is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

As this chapter opened, a Gentile centurion named Cornelius received a vision from God. He was told to send for Peter. In turn, the Jewish Christian Peter is given a vision that opens him to accepting that invitation. The two meet and share their visions with each other. At that point, our reading begins. The message of Easter is preached, and in that Gospel moment: Jew and Gentile are united by the Spirit in one community.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:24

This is the Day

Children are invited forward to help Pastor Amalia lead the song.

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

SECOND READING

Our second reading is from the New Testament letter to the Colossians.

In this passage, the author turns to the implications of what it means for us to be raised with Christ. The focus here is not on a hope whose culmination lies in the future. Rather, the focus is on the imperative now to “seek those things which are above.” Later in this chapter, “those things” are identified with clothing ourselves in compassion and, above all, love.

Colossians 3:1-4

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** ACS #938 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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***APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

2x any language

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to, e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***THE 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.**

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMNS Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

7:30 AM - ELW #388 Be Not Afraid and ACS #1084 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
(see back of insert)

9:30 AM

ELW #384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright and ELW #379 Now the Green Blade Rises

SENDING PRAYER

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW #374 Day of Arising

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Christ Has Risen



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
 2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
 3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
 4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
 love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
 fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion
 and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -
 bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en
 where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what
 all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the
 for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose
 is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ
 Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
 ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
 dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938-1984

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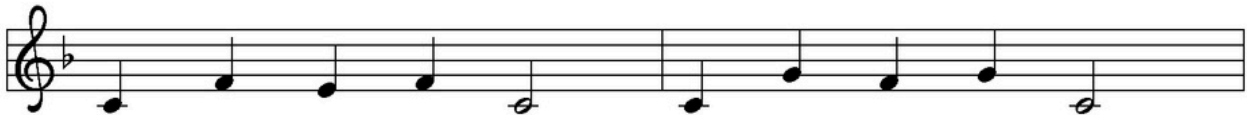
Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

4/5/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	7:30 AM Deacon Wendi 9:30 AM Kris Sanchez
Communion Assistants	9:30 AM Mary Pflibsen, Patty Sirls, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Mary Pflibsen
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap, Sophia Rankin
Cantor	Aysen Millioğullari
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	7:30 AM Catalina Rankin, 9:30 AM
Greeter	Kathy DeVinney, Judy Indermark Gloria Schmidt
Cross Bearer	Mary Pflibsen
Coffee Host	Wyatt Family
Treats	Wyatt Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

4/12/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Kathy DeVinney
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Sharon Reinbott
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	David Horr
Cantor	Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand
Greeter	Catalina Rankin
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Adrian/Saphir
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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