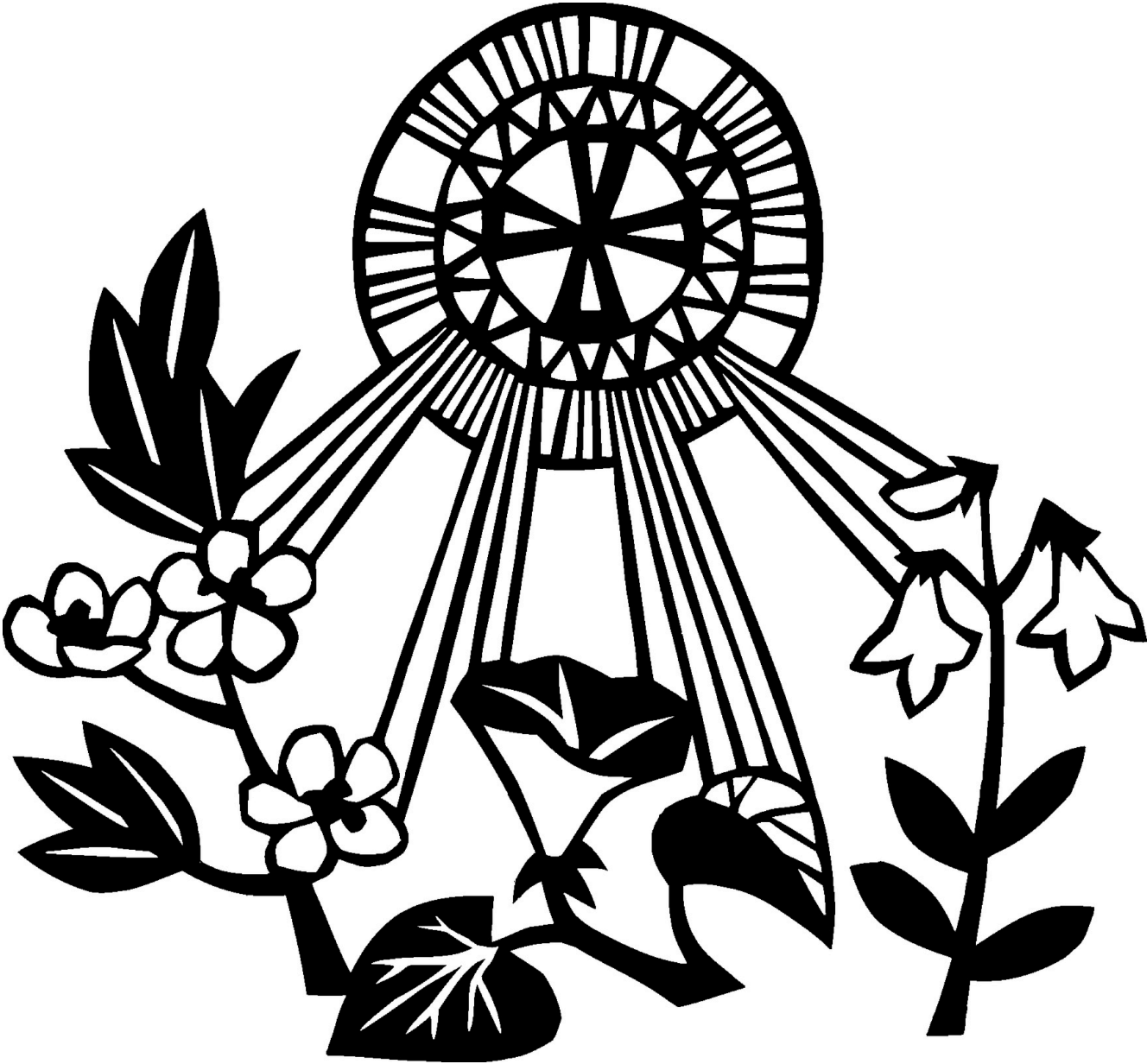


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship
Season of Easter 2026



About Our Liturgy

Parts of our sung liturgy during the season of Easter come from "Behold, I Make All Things New," written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon. Ben sang the "Lamb of God," of setting 10 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, while buried in the rubble and then died. Originally, "Behold, I Make All Things New" was written to reach and inspire 18-35 year olds, an age demographic that is often least represented in weekly worship, but it has resonated deeply across all age groups. It was Ben's intention, and now his family's prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, his family gives his liturgy to the Church with joy and prays it may bless all who sing it. Any donations made in support of this liturgy will be used to support new ELCA communities of faith. Learn more at www.benstillsongs.com

Season of Easter 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We give thanks for the gifts of baptism, for the waters of creation, for waters that nourish us.

Silence for Reflection

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
Holy Spirit, you sustain and connect us.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with your peace.

Thank you for the grace of baptism.
Thank you for making us a new creation.
Guide us to the water of life.
Amen.

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

As we prepare for worship, take time to look around, to settle in, to receive the Holy Spirit's presence.



GATHER

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

***GATHERING HYMN This is the Feast**

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the fea - st of vic - to - ry for our God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.



Bles-sing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er, A-men. _____



This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for our God.



_____ This is the feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____



For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign, Al - le - lu - ia. _____



This is the fea - st of vic-to-ry for our God. This is the



feast of vic-to-ry _____ for our God. _____ Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: *See insert*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *See insert*

SECOND READING: *See insert*
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.

ELW, Setting 10

Listen deeply as the gospel lesson is being read

***GOSPEL**

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

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *See insert*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG**

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._ and put a new and right
 6 _ spir - it with - in_ me. Cast me not a - way_ from your pres -
 11 ence. and do not take your ho - ly spir - it from me_
 17 Re - turn to me the joy_ of your sal - va - tion. Sus - tain a new and wil -
 22 ling spir - it with in_ me. Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God._
 27 and put a new and right_ spir - it with in_ me.



*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is for the Leader, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.' The second line is for ALL, with lyrics: 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third line is for ALL, with lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The fourth line is a musical accompaniment consisting of chords, with 'Mmmm' written below the staff.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places, we give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending dance.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus did,

**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

Come as you are. Become what you receive.

COMMUNION HYMNS



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.

Communion Hymns *See insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN *See insert*

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

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is Risen.
Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*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.*

ELW, Setting 10



SEND

WELCOME

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 + 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.

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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9:00 - Sanctuary

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST



ELCA

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); Pam Hardman (death of friend); and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Pastor Adele Resmer, former interim pastor (recovering from back surgery); 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), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); 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); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (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 the third Sunday of Easter carry the news of God raising Jesus back and forth across time for the sake of opening faith. In Acts, the sermon of Peter on Pentecost recalls God's raising of Jesus to form new community. The psalmist looks back on an experience of God's deliverance to shape how life will be lived moving forward. The letter of Peter anchors the church in steady hope grounded in God's raising of Jesus. In Luke, two disciples set out on a road trip. A stranger joins them. Words are exchanged on the way that enlighten. But only in the breaking of bread are eyes and faith opened to the Risen Christ in their midst..

THOSE SERVING TODAY
4/19/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Assisting Minister** Nilu Dorschner
- Communion Assistants** Kathy DeVinney, Jennifer Strand, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
- Acolyte** Nilu Dorschner
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Cantor** Joy Bulawa
- Music** Chancel Choir
- Usher** Asher and Mary Havenhill
- Greeter** Diane Siefkes
- Cross Bearer** David Lester
- Coffee Host** Kris Sanchez
- Treats** Deacon Wendi and Jeanne Gacke
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY
4/26/2026

- Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts
- Preaching Minister** Bishop Deborah K. Hutterer
- Assisting Minister** John Indermark
- Communion Assistants** Mary Pflibsen, Jennifer Strand, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
- Acolyte** Jennifer Strand
- Keyboard** Betsy Dunlap
- Music** Bell Choir
- Cantor** Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
- Usher** Ann and Bill DeVinney
- Greeter** Judy Indermark
- Cross Bearer** Jennifer Strand
- Coffee Host** David Lester
- Treats** Anna Hasenkamp & Donna Walden
- Tech Team** Pflibsen/Bustamante
- Scripture Background** John Indermark

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added

PSALM 116 1-4

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Sometimes, the lectionary readings are slightly out of synch with the season in which they are set. Take today’s reading from Acts. We are still early in the season of Easter. Yet, the context here is the sermon of Peter on the day of Pentecost, more than a month away. So why this reading today? First, Peter’s words focus on Jesus’ raising by God on Easter. Second, Christian community is formed both by God’s embrace of us in Christ and by our welcoming that news.

Our second reading is from the first epistle attributed to Peter.

The Christian communities addressed in this letter are believed to have been in the midst of stress and persecution. In our reading you will hear words and calls intent on reassuring the church. “Your trust and hope are in God . . . Born anew through the living and enduring word of God.” And at the center of this testimony is the God who raised Jesus on Easter.

With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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***COMMUNION HYMNS** (hymnal)

ELW #464 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW # 522 As We Gather at Your Table

***SENDING HYMN ELW #384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!