

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY**

April 20, 2025

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING VIDEO** “In Christ Alone,” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

**In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**



**INVOCATION**

**P:** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!  
**C:** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father—who created all things and gives us new life in his kingdom,

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

P: and of ✠ Jesus—the Second Adam, who redeemed us with his blood and makes us God’s own children,

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

P: and of the Holy Spirit—who breathes new life into us and sanctifies us.

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

**C: Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our faith is often meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is often slow in coming. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**

P: Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ. Our eternal confidence and faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### INTROIT

P: Alleluia. Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

**C: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

P: Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.”

**C: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.**

P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**C: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.**

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

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, from the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as It was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Alleluia. Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

### HYMN No. 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**Jesus Christ is ris’n 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SPECIAL ANTHEM** "Gone" Sung by Grayson and Ashton Gorney

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 65:17-25* (God re-creates all things new!—the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *1 Corinthians 15:19–26*     (In the end, the kingdom of God will rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector:           This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**         **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**         *2 Timothy 1:10b*

**People:**         **Alleluia**     .

Pastor:           Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**People:**         **Alleluia.**

**(Please stand)**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Luke 24:1–12* (The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive! Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)

Pastor:           The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**People:**         **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**(The Gospel is read.)**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor:           This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**         **Praise to You, O Christ. (Please be seated)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY No. 480**      "He's Risen, He's Risen"

**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.**

**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 feared.**

**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.**

**Oh, 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.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain;  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

**SERMON**      "Two Men,"      1 Corinthians 15:21-23      Rev. Tony Troup

**CREED**      *Nicene Creed, please stand*

**People:      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.**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREFACE**    *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:**        The Lord be with you.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**        Lift up your hearts.

**People:**        **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:**        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**        **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P:**        It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS** (Sung, LSB page 161)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**    *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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**    *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**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.**

**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:

## **LORD’S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**       **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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C:**     **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** (Sung, LSB page 163)

**C:**       **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Video

No. 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**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 grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence give:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

No. 629            "What is this Bread?"

What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release,  
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?  
The body of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So what am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see the Lord is real.



**Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see the Lord is good.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, risen Savior, that You have made all things new through Your resurrection. In this Holy Sacrament Your body and blood nourish us with forgiveness and increase our faith. In this Meal we join all the saints who have prophesied, witnessed, and proclaimed resurrection. Grant that this feast enjoins us to all things new in this time and eternity. Shaped by resurrection hope, joy, and life, grant that we boldly love one another through You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN No. 466** “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia,” (Please stand)

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain**

**Refrain:  
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy:  
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain**

**The angel said to them, “Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain**

**“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain**

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain**

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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