



# OUR SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Sunday Divine Service 8:00am & 10:30am**  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30am  
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***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

**Welcome to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church!** We are glad that you are here to hear God’s Word and share His gifts with us. We thank God that He comes to us again to forgive us our sins and prepare us for eternal life today, and we are grateful that He has brought you here to be with us.

Each week we receive the Sacrament of the Altar where the Lord Jesus comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and drink. In this sacred meal our Lord forgives our sins and strengthens us to live faithfully in communion with Him and with each other. For us this is a family meal and Christ’s expectations of us are important. If you are not an active participant in the Our Savior’s family or one of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we would ask you to join our family before sharing this sacrament with us. For those not communing we would love for you to join us at the table as a sign of Christian unity. Simply cross your arms over your chest and our pastors will give you a blessing from the Lord. If you have any questions about this or are new here our pastors would love to talk with you. God bless you!

**On the Cover:** *Adoration of the Christ Child*, Gerard van Honthorst, 1621

**Serving today:**

Liturgist ..... Rev. John H. Koopman  
Preacher..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Pianist ..... Suzie Gangi  
Special Music ..... Brass  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Anderson  
Acolytes..... [8:00] Lydia Bjortomt; Jocelynn Chapman  
..... [10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson  
Sacristan ..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson; [10:30] Mark Senne  
Usher Team ... [8:00] Team 3: Bob Baker; Jeanne Anderson; Hunter Farris  
..... [10:30] Team 3: Mark Senne; Pat Plueger; Carrie Anderson  
A/V Tech..... Zak Tess

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2026**

**Pre-Service Music: “O God Our Help in Ages Past”**

**Brass**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” LSB 756**

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near  
With His cheer;  
Never will He leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God’s Son  
For me won  
When His life was given?
- 2 When life’s troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight  
May be great,  
They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sends them;  
He who knows  
All my woes  
Knows how best to end them.
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will  
Trust Him still  
When He sends me sadness.  
God is good; His love attends me  
Day by day,  
Come what may,  
Guides me and defends me.
- 4 From God’s joy can nothing sever,  
For I am  
His dear lamb,  
He, my Shepherd ever.  
I am His because He gave me  
His own blood  
For my good,  
By His death to save me.

5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,  
Though it might,  
Day and night,  
Trouble and dismay me.  
Christ has made my death a portal  
From the strife  
Of this life  
To His joy immortal!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Absolution**

*LSB 185*

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:25–31*

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 147:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
 make melody to our God | on the lyre!  
<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds;  
 he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
 he makes grass grow | on the hills.  
<sup>9</sup>He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
 and to the young ravens | that cry.  
<sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
 nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,  
<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
 in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Epistle**

*1 John 3:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem: “Eternal Father Strong to Save”**

**Brass**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: “With High Delight Let Us Unite”      LSB 483**

- 1      With high delight  
        Let us unite  
In songs of great jubilation.  
        Ye pure in heart,  
        All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
        To set us free  
        Forever, He  
        Is ris’n and sends  
        To all earth’s ends  
Good news to save ev’ry nation.
- 2      True God, He first  
        From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
        His enemy  
        Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death’s undoing.  
        “And yours shall be  
        Like victory  
        O’er death and grave,”  
        Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring;  
 Give thanks, and bring  
 To Christ our Lord adoration.  
 His honor speed  
 By word and deed  
 To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
 So shall His love  
 Give us above,  
 From misery  
 And death set free,  
 All joy and full consolation.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

*If you are an active participant at Our Savior or a sister congregation, we are glad to commune with you today. If you are not a part of the LCMS, we ask that you refrain from Communion. As a sign of our common Christian fellowship If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the table and cross your arms over your chest.*

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns:

### “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

LSB 699

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    “Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
    Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
    And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
    And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
    ’Till trav’ling days are done.

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### “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

LSB 708

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,  
    With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare  
    If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
    Thou art the portion I have sought;  
    Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, ’twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
    In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev’ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
    And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
    Give strength and patience unto me  
    To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.
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### **“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”**

**LSB 646**

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'ulous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,  
 Be the people He intends;  
 Strong in faith and swift to answer  
 Each command your Master sends:  
 Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
 Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
 Give your lives in joyful service—  
 Sing His praise, His love declare.

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*Stand*

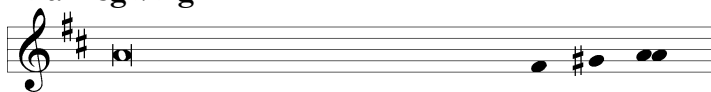
**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

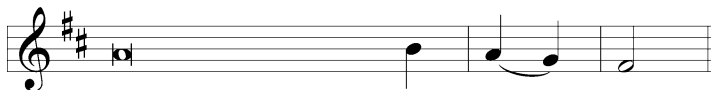
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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



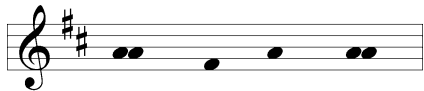
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LSB 793

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

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