



**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter – April 7, 2024  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Call to Worship**

A: Though the way seems long and the road rough

**C: Yet will we trust the One who leads us.**

A: Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

**C: Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.**

A: It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

**C: It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain – ELW #363**

## Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

*Silence for reflection and thanksgiving.*

L: We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flowing rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In the desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

**C: In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

L: We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

### **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise  
That Easter Day with Joy was Bright  
ELW # 384 Vs 1-3**

## **Prayer of the Day**

A: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.

**C: By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do,**

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Word**

### **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 133**

**<sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

**<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have

seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Message – Tim Leitner, SAM**

<https://youtu.be/IM2Cc8f4KeQ?si=ucufowZS6PuZUPHD>

## **Hymn of the Day – The Day of Resurrection! – ELW #361**

### **The 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

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and all oppression and discrimination, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering and pain. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians and other staff and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Offering

**Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful - ELW #182**

### Offertory Prayer

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

**C: May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

A: through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution



## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth, as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **Communion**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

**L:** Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**A:** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

**C: Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless your now and always, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing – ELW #385**

## **Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**