

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 11, 2021**

**Prelude – 'Tis a Gift to be Simple**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RPUjuraS5U>

**Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**Sharing of Peace**

**Call to Worship**

A: Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, King over all the earth.**

A: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C: Sing praises to God; sing praises to our King.**

A: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**C: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

**Gathering Hymn – The Strife is O'er**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJjq4RFnLnk>

**Thanksgiving of Baptism**

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Silence for reflection)*

L: We thank you, Risen Christ,

**C: for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

L: We bless you, Risen Christ,

**C: that your spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

L: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

**C: Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, Risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

L: To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, 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 - Hallelu, Let the People All Sing**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEgrToLCHFk>

### **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**

<sup>32</sup> 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 (read together)**

**<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 for evermore.**

### **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.'

<sup>24</sup> 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.'

<sup>26</sup> 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.'

<sup>30</sup> 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/17achYu\\_EZk](https://youtu.be/17achYu_EZk)

**Hymn of the Day – Now the Green Blade Rises**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwVEIxKp-0>

### **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: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

A: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You direct nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their people in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, sick or afraid. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who live now in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Offering Prayer

A: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

**C: Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;**

A: for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**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.**

## **The Meal – Consecration**

### **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 Music**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today - Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFjnlBn0K10>

**Here is Bread**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

**Let Us Build A House**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

## Post Communion Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

**C: Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that world love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,**

A: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

L: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father + Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn – Thine is the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTXUsKFecJs>

## Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

## Postlude – Amazing Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-dSoeFEr7g>