



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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+ Second Sunday after Easter

April 16, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

The Perfect Gift

arr. Donald Lee Moore

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Confirmation Class

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

#380 (ELW)

1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.

5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Kyrie**

p. 147 (ELW)

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**

This is the Feast

p. 149 (ELW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. [Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
[Refrain]

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

A reading from 1 Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Special Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

Julie Jordan, violin

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***Gospel**

John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.**

***Hymn of the Day**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

#369 (ELW)

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife.
Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

***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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

Morning Has Broken

arr. by Edward Broughton

*Offertory Response

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing #389 vs 1,4 (ELW)

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

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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, grant us peace.

Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.

Communion Hymns

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

#377 (ELW)

Chorus

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center,
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "'O grave, be open!'"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!

The Day of Resurrection

#361 (ELW)

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side.
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast --
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

***Prayer after Communion**

Life-giving God, **in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

#382 (ELW)

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now hath found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. [Refrain]

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. [Refrain]

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Will Extol Thee

Steven Scott

NEWS & NOTES

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Acolyte: Aubry Kangas and Ryan Norenberg
Lector: Peggy Vidmar
Choir Director: Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Al Lipke, Greg & Carmen Solberg
Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law
Altar Guild: Nancy Davidson & Cindy Gieselman

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Lowell Stagg celebrates his birthday on April 17th
Arlis Hahn celebrates her birthday on April 21st

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Frank & Linda Kenghis in honor of her late mother, Bernice Baldwin's birthday.

Radio broadcast sponsorships are needed in July.
If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please call the office at 218-263-7422.
Weekly broadcasts are \$50 each

Please join us in the Fellowship hall for a farewell sendoff for Administrative Assistant, Sarah Garness.

The **Congregational Care & Life Committee** will meet today following fellowship in the Fireside Room.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 16th

9:00 Worship & Communion
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG

Monday, 17th

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 18th

1:00 Staff meeting
1:00 Mission Action
6:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
6:30 Sabbatical Steering Committee

Wednesday, 19th

7:00 Pasty Bake
8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study

Thursday, 20th

****VOICE deadline****

7:00 Pasty Bake
1-4pm Pasty Pick up

Sunday, 23rd

9:00 Worship & Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 OSLCW meeting
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240AM WMFG
10:30 New Member Class

Welcome to Megan Hoertsch

Megan joins the OSLC staff as our new Administrative Assistant!

Megan comes to us with several degrees in administration and legal studies. This brings a decade of office experience. She is excited for getting involved in her community and fostering friendships with the congregation. Additionally, she is looking forward to serving this amazing community.

Megan and her husband Andy live in Hibbing with their teenage daughter Gretchen and 3 year old son Peter. They moved to Hibbing in 2020. In her free time, if it is ever there 😊 she enjoys reading, family walks/biking and painting.

Interested in Becoming a Member at Our Savior's?

A two new member class will be held on Sunday mornings immediately after worship (10:30 a.m.) beginning **Sunday, April 23rd** and **Sunday, April 30th**.

Pastor Kevin, together with the Congregational Care & Life Committee, will be facilitating these classes. In addition to good coffee and fellowship, participants will be taught a brief overview of the Lutheran faith, be introduced to ministry and mission opportunities at Our Savior's, and feel welcomed and encouraged over the possibility of making Our Savior's their new church home.

We will be welcoming **new members** to Our Savior's on May 7. If you know of any family, friends, or neighbors who are looking for a "church home" please extend an invitation to join our congregation. Ask them to call the church office ([218\) 262-7422](tel:2182627422) or Sue Stanisich at ([218\) 262-3644](tel:2182623644) for further information.

Order your Pasties today!

We will only be making 400 of our delicious pasties.

Ensure you get yours by ordering today.

\$8 Each Pasty Maximum order of 10 per person

Place your orders by contacting the church office at (218) 263-7422

Pasty orders can be picked up on Thursday April 20th 1-4pm

Pasty Bake Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to take part in the Pasty Bake! No experience is needed for this range tradition. You will be joyfully welcomed and given on-the-job training. It's a wonderful way to meet and work with other members of Our Savior's family. Please meet in the OSLC kitchen.

Wednesday, April 19th beginning at 10am we will peel vegetables, prepare and make the crust.

Thursday, April 20th beginning at 7am we complete preparations, bake the pasties and prepare them for pick up.

White Elephant Sale will take place Saturday, May 6th from 9-3

We invite you to join us the week of the sale, even if you can only help for a short time, because we need you! As you look at the sign-up poster in the back of the Sanctuary, think about how your passions and skills can serve our church and our community.

White Elephant Sale Donations accepted on Wednesday, May 4th and Thursday, May 5th from 10-6pm at the Memorial Building

Register for Camp Vermilion & Camp Hiawatha this summer

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

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Go to: VLMcamps.org

