



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Mission: *We gather together to explore and celebrate the wonder of Christ, equipping all to live a God centered life.*

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

Welcome to worship! We celebrate Holy Communion at each service. Guests and visitors are always welcome and we are filled with joy at your presence with us! The "pray-ground" near the organ is available for those families with little ones to sit and enjoy while being part of our worship. A Parent Room is also available for your use if your child just needs a space of their own! Ushers are available if you need any assistance or have any questions.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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***GATHERING HYMN:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray:* Lord, You were not there at the empty tomb. Help us to see this most incredible of moments, this greatest twist of any plot, through fresh eyes, on this bewildering, yet most joyful of mornings. And help us to glimpse it through your own eyes, which must have blinked into the early morning sunlight of that first Easter Day, from out of complete, and utter, darkness, and refocused, and creased, with a smile. You are risen indeed. **We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior: Amen!**

FIRST READING: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Easter Alleluia*

***EASTER GOSPEL:** Mark 16:1-8 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord!* When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE HOMILY: *PJ*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES: *In the Easter waters, we remember and renew our new life in Christ. Answer “I do” to each of the questions. We will then be sprinkled with the waters of new life as music is played in the background.*

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *We lift up our prayers and needs of the church and community. Our spoken response is “Alleluia, hear our prayer.”*

OFFERING ~ *We are grateful for your presence today and we never want you to feel obligated to give. Our parishioners are responsible for supporting our ministry and mission through their gifts to God. If you would like to give a gift today, you are welcome to place it in the offering box in the center aisle or use the QR code found on the screen. Any gifts placed into Noah’s Ark through March 31st will go towards the work of the Washington County Humane Society in honor of Ms. Sherie’s love for animals.*



***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray together:

O God, we offer back with joy this day our lives and our offerings- gifts themselves from You. Receive us and these gifts as we strive to live in the life of the Resurrection! Together we say: AMEN!

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Jesus' words at the Last Supper become our prayer over the bread and wine.*

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *We pray the words of new life that Jesus gave us.*

***HOLY COMMUNION:** Christ invites all of God's people to share in this banquet for this is the meal of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

A Word about Communion here at OSLC...

(You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to receive baked bread and then dip that bread into the glass of red wine or juice. Gluten free bread is available as well. For those who prefer, communion kits are available in a basket near the front of the sanctuary. All are welcome to share in this meal with us!)

***COMMUNION BLESSING:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his resurrected grace. **Amen!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** *Let us pray together: Loving God, you have renewed us with heavenly bread that nourishes our faith. On this Easter day help us know that time after time you will catch us and be waiting for us. Christ is truly risen indeed: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!*

***FINAL BLESSING:** May God go before you to guide you; be behind you to encourage you; above you to watch over you and beneath you to support you. But may you discover the presence of God within you and know that God will always be your friend. **AMEN!**

***CLOSING HYMN:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! #392

***EASTER PROCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Go with the Risen Christ to be church after church! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Time after time

“Hoppy” Joyful Easter! Welcome to Worship at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to this faith. Welcome to friends new and old. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; every socioeconomic and marital status, political conviction, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome. Come back and pray with us!

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