



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.*

Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 7, 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:** The Day of Resurrection! #361

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray:

God of life, when Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free it was Easter day. On this Resurrection day, continue to gift us today with Easter moments as we pray in the name of Christ our Risen Lord and Savior! Amen-Alleluia!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Easter Alleluia with sung verse*

***SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:** John 20:19-31 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord!* 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When

he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 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. 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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. 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 FOR ALL AGES & 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.*

***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 plates located in the gathering space when you leave today. Any gifts placed in Noah's Ark will go towards to Fr. Roosevelt Leriche*



***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, in this Easter season help us to believe and trust in your presence always with us so that we can declare and deliver your boundless grace to all we meet. In the name of Jesus our Risen Lord and Savior we pray: 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:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #634

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



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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