



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.

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 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:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! #369

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

God of all the prophets, open our minds to understand Your Word and so fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the Risen Christ, that we too may be witnesses to the farthest reaches of the earth. 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:** Luke 24:36-48 *The Lord is with you. And also with you. A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord!* While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had

said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHOIR MEDITATION: *Shepherd Me, O God*

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.*

***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 and his hospital chaplaincy work.*



***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:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815

***EASTER PROCLAMATION:** Alleluia! Go as witnesses of 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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