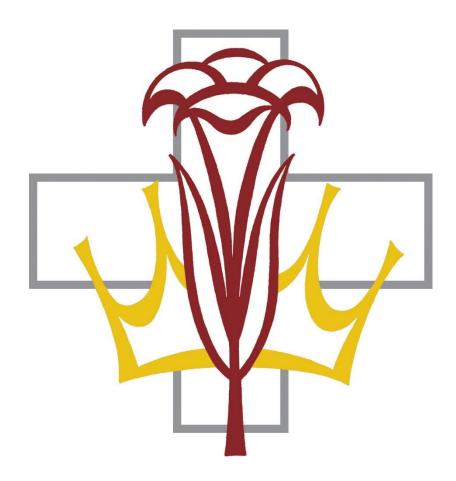
# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Order of Worship

April 4, 2021 8

8:00 AM

## The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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#### Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 13, 17-18

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

# Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- · who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- · who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

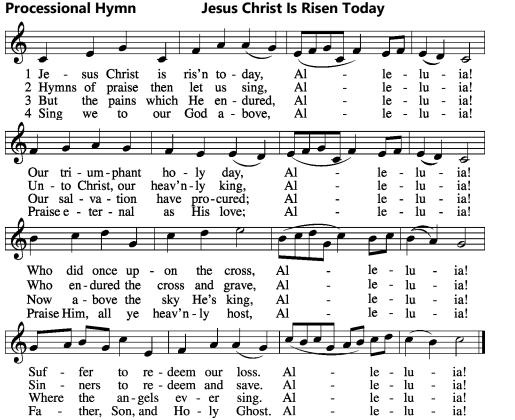
### Prelude Music ~ All Glory Be to God on High

Samuel Scheidt

LSB 457

#### Invocation

- P Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!
- **P** This is the day the Lord has made;
- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- P We thank and praise God for his presence among us, as we begin in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.



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#### Confession and Absolution

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the dead. Yet we face defeat in our sin every day.
- We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to love You with all our heart and soul and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves.
- P We cannot do this on our own. We need the power of Your forgiveness.
- Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full it is finished! The victory is won! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

#### Service of the Word

Psalm 100

- Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- C Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
- **P** We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen.

This Is the Feast LSB 155



#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

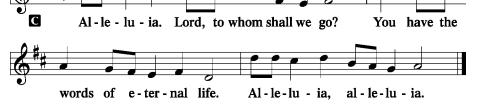
**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed LSB 158

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

## And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

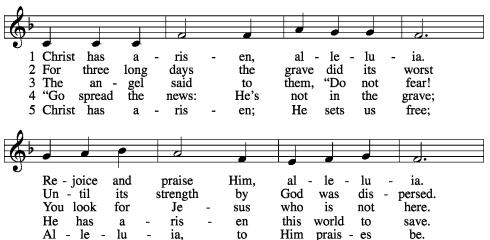
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \( \psi \) of the world to come. Amen.



### **Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

LSB 466





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**Sermon** "You Too" *Mark 16:1-8* 

**Choir Anthem** "Easter Anthem" Davidica, Herring, Schrader

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- **P** Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We join today in singing eternal alleluias with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

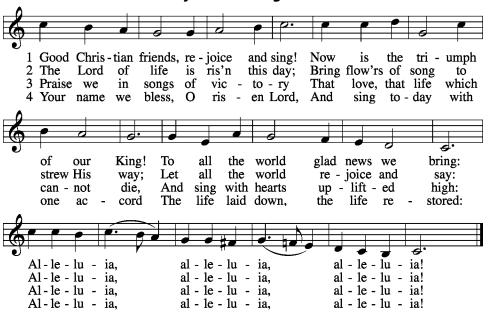
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

#### Benediction

- Amen.

#### **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**



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#### Resources for Meditation this Week

EASTER SUNDAY 4 April 2021

### Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Mark 16:1–8

# The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud "that is spread over all nations" and "cast over all peoples" (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to "be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast "of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined" (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, "dressed in a white robe" of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received "by the grace of God" is also "delivered to you" by the preaching of Christ, "in which you stand, and by which you are being saved" (1 Cor. 15:1–11).



#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## Readings

Acts 4:32–35 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31

## The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He "came and stood among them," and with His Word and the wounds in "his hands and his side," He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The apostles "have seen and heard" this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we "too may have fellowship" with the risen Christ, with the apostles and "with one another" (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by "their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and all who believe this Word are "of one heart and soul," because in Him they truly have "everything in common" (Acts 4:32–33).

