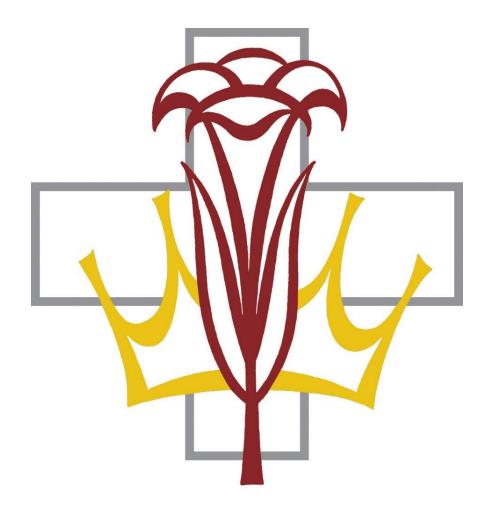
The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



Order of Worship

April 17, 2022 8:00 AM

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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.

Easter Sunday Worship April 17, 2022 8:00 AM



Choir Call to Worship

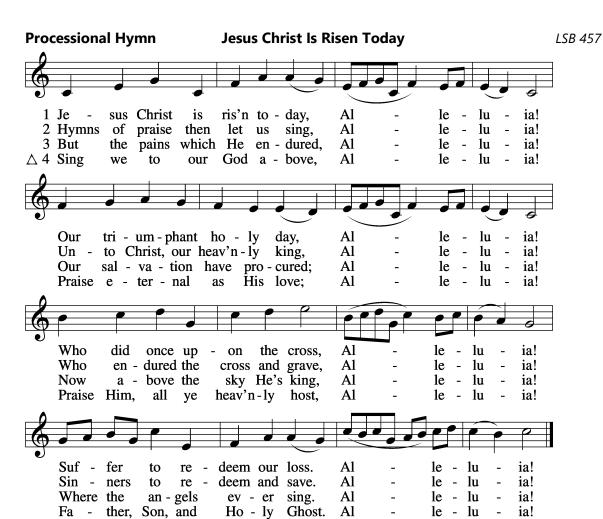
New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Invocation

- P Christ is risen!
- 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.
- C 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.

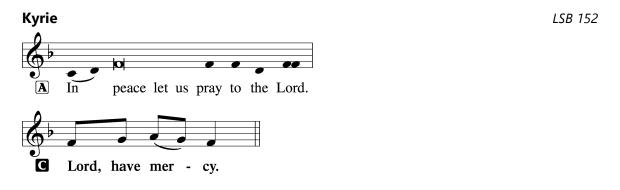
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

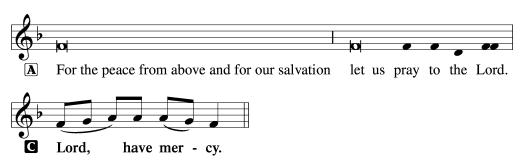
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 100

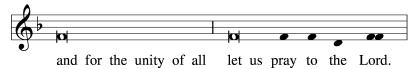
- Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- C Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
- **P** We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with 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.







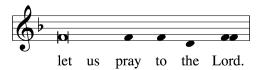
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



This Is the Feast LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 ²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
- they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ¹that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁶And they remembered his words, ⁰and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹oNow it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) of the world to come. Amen.





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Sermon "Easter Matters" 1 Peter 1:3–9

Choir Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" Handel, Pugh

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

- **P** The grace of our Lord

 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

EASTER DAY 17 April 2022

Readings

Isaiah 65:17–25 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 Luke 24:1–12

Christ's Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation

The Lord has promised to "create new heavens and a new earth" (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are "the offspring of the blessed of the LORD" (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For "if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be "perplexed about this" (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an "idle tale" (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings

Acts 5:12–20 (21–32) Revelation 1:4–18 John 20:19–31

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "sharp two-edged sword" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God," that by such faith "you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).



Sunday Mornings at The Lutheran Church of the Savior

8:00 am – Divine Service Worship (traditional – organ led)
9:30 am – Education Hour for all ages
10:45 am – Divine Service Worship

(alternating weeks: traditional – organ led / Blended – Praise Team led)

Pick-up Basketball – Mondays at 7:00 pm here in our gym. Everyone high school age and older is welcome to jump into a pickup game of basketball – have some fun, get some exercise, enjoy the fellowship!

Women's Bible Study – Come one, come all... Ladies that is! We meet in Luther Hall (the large room as you enter the church) on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am for fellowship, study and prayer. The new study beginning on April 26th is called, "God's Relentless Love – A Study of Hosea". In eight weeks of lessons, we will explore historical information, contemporary stories, questions and insights to learn how God never gives up on us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Manor or Cindy Jordan, mrs_j01824@yahoo.com.

Men in Prayer – All men and young men are welcome to gather here at church on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 am for fellowship, food, and prayer. Bring a breakfast item to share, or just show up, as together we encourage one another in our life of faith that the Lord has called us to live.

Open Arms Christian Preschool here at Lutheran Church of the Savior is now enrolling for September classes. We welcome children ages 2.9 – 6, and have 2, 3, 4, or 5 day options available. Visit our website at www.openarmsbedford.org and contact Dir. Donna Wilson at 781-271-1148 or openarmsbedford@lcsavior.org.

Prayer Time – Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 pm. All are welcome to gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and reflection on God's Word, as we lift to the Lord the thanksgivings and needs of our church, our nation, and our personal lives.