

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Call to Worship**

A: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**C: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

A: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**C: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

A: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**C: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**Gathering Hymn - The Day of Resurrection! – ELW #361**

**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

L: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

L: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

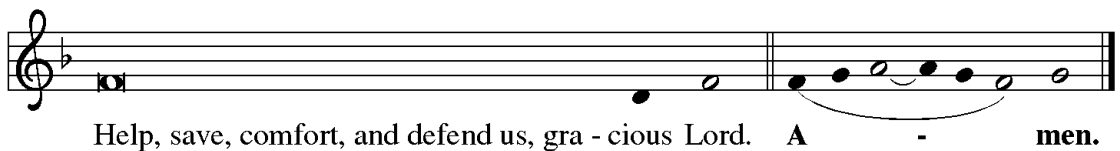
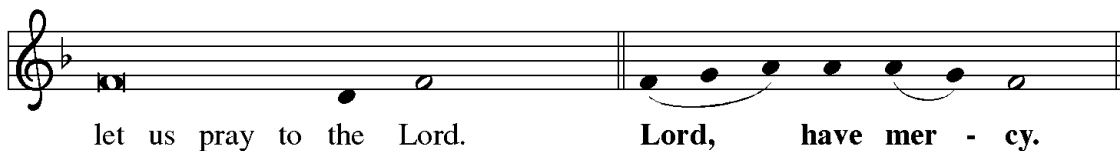
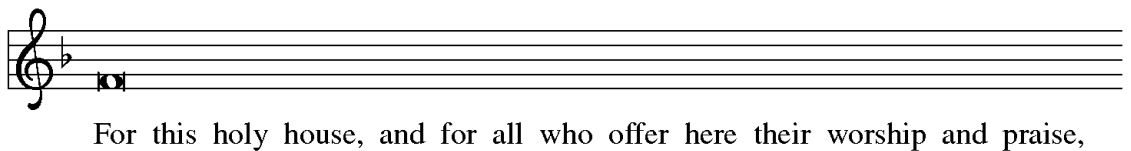
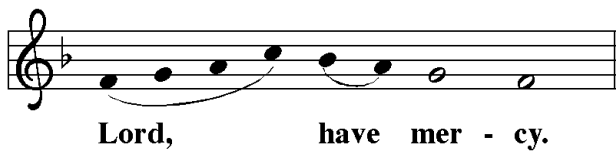
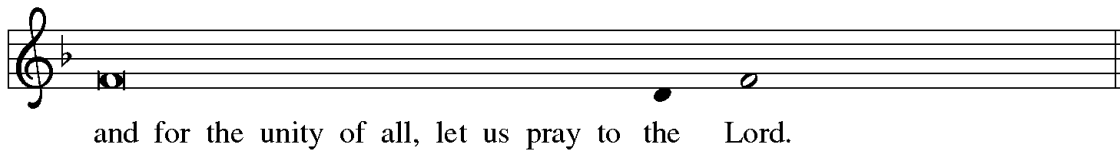
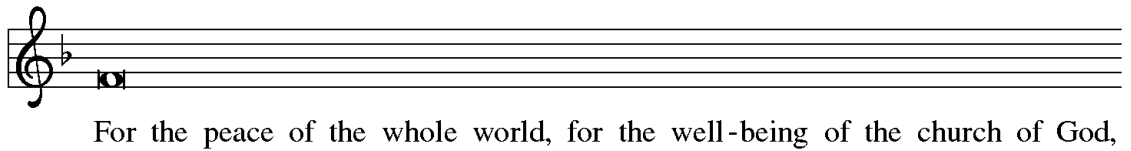
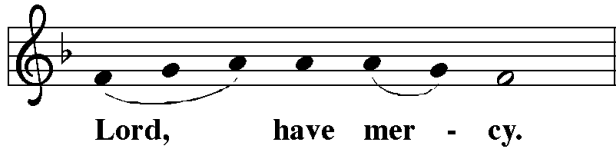
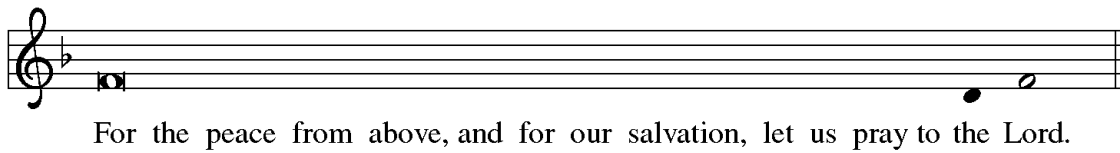
**C: Amen.**

## Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also, with you.**

## Kyrie



**Hymn of Praise – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me – ELW #860**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,

**C: may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

### First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 118:14-29

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>**The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**\*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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 – Tim Leitner, SAM**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus – ELW #802**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**L:** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **Offering**

**Offertory Hymn – Take My Life, That I May Be  
ELW #685 vs 1, 3, 5, & 6**

### **Offering Prayer**

A: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

**C: Come among us again, breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body  
in the world. Amen.**



## **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

**C: Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn – O God, My Faithful God – ELW #806**

## **Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**