

**Welcome To  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 11, 2021  
9:00 AM**

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## **WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

### **PRELUDE**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### **ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God,

**C: to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**ELW 619**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*  
(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 8)

## **GREETING**

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

**C:** And also with you.

## **KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## **THIS IS THE FEAST**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,**

**C: with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's  
resurrection. By the grace of Christ among  
us, enable us to show the power of the  
resurrection in all that we say and do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

# WE HEAR GOD'S SAVING WORD

## FIRST TESTAMENT READING

### Acts 4:32-35

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

### Psalm: 133

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up  
on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down  
upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **1 John 1:1-2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we

have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO  
St. John 20:19-31**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*The story of The Resurrection continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen 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.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**    *The Peace That Removes Doubt*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 380**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*  
*(stanzas 1, 2 & 5)*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**A:** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

**A:** You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore.  
Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your  
creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and  
provide revitalizing moisture to parched land.  
Give your whole creation the promise of new life.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in  
authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the  
ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to  
war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in  
authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You place within the heart of the church a spirit  
of sharing. Give us the power of your generous  
Spirit, that we continue to provide for the needs  
of others. Announce your peace to those who are  
lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You give us fellowship with one another in this  
faith community. Shine the light of the risen  
Christ in our life together, so that we live in love  
for one another and our joy may be complete.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy with you and all the saints in light. Unite us with them in resurrection hope.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**A:** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C:** **And also with you.**

## ***WE ARE SENT OUT WITH JOY***

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Chorus:** Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus Is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the King of creation.

### **Chorus**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen.

### **Chorus**

We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live forever.

### **Chorus**

Come, let us praise the living God;  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

### **Chorus**

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# HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **This Sunday's Readings**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

## ***THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR***

### **TODAY – April 11**

9:00 am In-person Worship

### **TUESDAY – April 13**

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY – April 14**

5:30 pm Midweek Service

6:30 pm Bible Study

### **SUNDAY – April 18**

9:00 am In-person Worship

Live streamed only on Facebook

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**GOOD MORNING!** We are happy you have joined us today to praise, listen and be fed by Almighty God. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

### **SECOND QUARTER GIVING JUG**

**(April, May & June)** Iowa River Hospice is the recipient for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Giving Jug monies (April, May, June). Iowa River Hospice provides high quality, compassionate, end of life care for their patients and support for their families and care givers. Thank you for supporting Iowa River Hospice in the second quarter.  
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## ***IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY***

### **OSL MEMBERS**

Hatti Groth – at Southridge  
Larry & Nancy Park – at Glenwood  
Doreen Hasenwinkel – at Bickford  
Peyton Kretzmann – health issues  
Joe Gregor – at Southridge  
Allen Dale – health issues  
John Reardon – recovering from a fall  
Vern Hunzelman – The Willows  
Dale & Lois Wilson – health issues  
Pat Smith – The Willows  
Dave Luthro – Bickford Assisted Living, Ft Dodge  
Floyd Harthun – health issues  
Cathy Sease – health issues  
Lola Breed – health issues

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Family of Hirioko Erdmann – sister-in-law of Donna Patton  
who passed away  
Family of Gary Walters – brother of Bill Walters who  
passed away  
Jerry Peterson – brother-in-law of Pastor Mike & Rhonda  
Delbert Hults – brother of Donna Sharp  
Chad Winterhof – nephew of Joe & Shirley Gregor  
Tim Snyder – friend of Joe & Shirley Gregor  
Chris Byerly – daughter-in-law of  
Duane & Andrea Byerly  
Calvin Herschberger – uncle of  
Pastor Mike & Rhonda  
Brandon, Kristine & Claire Miller- friends of Allen Dale  
David Halverson – friend of Donna Sharp  
Kathy Shaffer – friend of Larry & Nancy Park

Shila Handt – friend of Doreen Hasenwinkel  
Sheri Beaver – friend of Marlin Pruismann  
Bev Olson – sister-in-law of Joe & Felicia  
Aunt Clara & Uncle Bob – aunt & uncle of  
Hap Kretzmann  
Marshalltown Community – recovering from natural  
disasters  
Kirsten Martin – daughter of Joe & Felicia Duffy  
Christy Schuler – friend of Donna Sharp  
Tina Johnson – niece of Charlene Barth  
Robert Adams – nephew of Karen Adams  
Pastor Greg Ellcey – neighbor of Jerry & Deb Duder  
Jim Reiss – friend of Joel Hunzelman  
Ann Schulte – friend of Allen Dale  
Spenser Ahn – grandson of John & Nancy Reardon

## **MILITARY**

Please pray for our troops for their safety.

Anthony Nielsen – nephew of Pastor Mike &  
Rhonda  
Chris Coalter – nephew of Joe & Shirley Gregor  
Nathan Massa – grandson of Mike & Kathy Massa  
Luke Sease – son of Brad Sease and  
grandson of Larry & Cathy Sease  
Joe Stoterau – grandson of Sandy & LaRee Wise  
Jimmy Sease – son of David Sease and  
grandson of Larry & Cathy Sease  
Jake Lutcavish – step grandson of  
Floyd & Ella Harthun