Second Sunday of Easter Apríl 28, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for infants and toddlers if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level. Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a children's worship bulletin as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Al Mattke in memory of Judy Mattke.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Alive Forevermore!

April 28, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Though we don't have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord's Supper. Jesus still comes through the "locked doors" we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago!

№ PREPARATION

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Overture" (G. F. Handel)

HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LSB 457

INVOCATION

Pastor:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Pastor: Through Him we are risen to new life!
People: We are and will be risen indeed!

People: in Him we will live also!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Romans 6:4; Revelation 1:17–18

Because Jesus is alive forevermore.

Pastor: As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our

ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Reflect upon and confess your sins before

God.

Silence for reflection and confession

Pastor: We confess:

People: Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we

have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior's work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come

to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Jesus says, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am

alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Upon your confession I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the victory Christ has won for us, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{E}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him

forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

KYRIE LSB 152-153

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast" LSB 155

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may

by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 5:12–20 (21–32)

(God's Word goes out to the people through the apostles.)

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to

teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4–18 (John's vision of Christ's eternal glory)

⁴ 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, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19–31

(Jesus appears to disciples hiding behind locked doors and brings peace by His resurrection.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit, ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 v. 1-4; 8-9

SERMON "Soon Enough" Revelation 1:4-18

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles' Creed (Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (G. F. Handel)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

People: Amen.

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

People: in Him we will live also!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ₱ give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah" (G. F. Handel)

₩ SACRAMENT **₩**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to

You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your

glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" LSB 469

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" LSB 464

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast

to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

People: in Him we will live also!

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Thank you, Erich Zorr, for serving as our organist today.

IN HIS SERVICE

Elder/Helper Early - Don Secord

Late – Gary Fawcett, Dick Cherney

Ushers Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Jim Bonson

Late - Grant Meyer, Jerry Gifford, Mark Hiller, Glenn Finger

Greeters Early – John & Shirley Priefer

Late – Jon & Diana Sell

Readers Early – Mary Malinsky

Late – Nicole Popp

Acolytes Early -

Late – Krystal Kasmarek

Media Operators

Early – Dan Scafaro Late – Jackie Pearce

Altar Care - Mara Rothenbach, Terry Cherney

Nursery - Education Hour - Mandy Kersten

Late Service - Mandy Kersten

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THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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This week at Our Savior:

Monday 29

Tuesday 30

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9:30 am Quilters 9:00 am Endowment Committee

5:30 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Family Potluck

Thursday 2 9:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Praise & Worship

Friday 3 Office Closed

Saturday 4 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation

Sunday 5 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion

8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

ATTENDANCE: Early: 166, Communion: 143, Late: 241, Communion: 168, Tuesday Bible Study: 18

ACTUAL to DATE (as of March 31, 2019)

 TOTAL GIVING
 \$ 94,405.85

 OPERATION EXPENSES
 \$ 73,324.91

 BALANCE
 \$ 21,080.94

God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day! Birthdays:

28 - Cindy Gauger
 29 - Adam Levan, Larry Mortimer, Ronald Hagen
 30 - Jean Meyer, Paul Kurth, Rosemary Strook
 2 - Carol Smith, Janice Christofferson
 3 - Joanne Andersen
 4 - Diane Schoessow, William Weber

Anniversaries:

28 - Richard & Elizabeth Schmidt 1 - Terry & Gretchen Tryggeseth 3 - Carl & Norda Gromoll



SCRIP sold on Sunday between services

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

Richard Behrens, Sally Gibbs, Robert & Carol Johnson, Willie & Debbie Lorenz, Elizabeth Oslakovich, Julia Schilling, Richard & Denise Voss

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure <u>oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com</u> is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions' tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Vacation Bible School 2019 - It is time to register for Splash Canyon! Children, ages 3 (potty trained) to age 12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun, July 29th-August 2nd, 9 am to noon. We will have a Camp Luther Fun Day on Wednesday, July 31st, from 9 am to 3 pm. Go to www.oursavioreagleriver.org to register.

VBS Volunteers Needed - Please let Marlene Rieck know if you would like to serve on our VBS team. There are many ways you can help with this great outreach event!

Lent Mission Offerings - Our 2019 Lenten offerings will support Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Bethesda is a leading provider of person-centered and community-based services that enhance the lives of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities around the country and throughout the world. Offerings may be given through April 28th. Please use a designated offering envelope and mark it "Bethesda" or there are Lenten offering envelopes at the welcome center. Thank you for your gifts of love!

Church Family Potluck - All ages are invited to our next church potluck on Wednesday, May 1st, at 6 pm. Bring a favorite dish to share and come for outdoor fun (weather permitting) and fellowship!

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Praise & Worship Team - Our next rehearsal will be Thursday, May 2nd, at 7 pm in preparation for worship on Sunday, May 5th. New vocalists and instrumentalists are always welcome!

Choir - Our next rehearsal will be Tuesday, May 7th, at 7 pm. We look forward to praising our risen Lord!

Nursery Director Needed - We are seeking a seasonal nursery director. This person would be our paid director for the summer only and would fulfill the responsibilities in our job description found in the narthex. Thank you for prayerfully considering this position!

Martha Society Salad and Desert Card Party Luncheon is being held on Wednesday, May 8th at noon. Tickets are only \$10.00 and are on sale between services. Get your friends together for this Mission Event! Cards, board games, domino's or any type of game you and your friends like to play. Women and men invited to attend. Door prizes, delicious food, and laughter all starting at noon.

Next Sunday - As Pastor Kufahl will be in Minnesota for a wedding, Pastor Gary Schultz will be here to lead worship. Pastor Schultz and his wife Nan will be returning to Africa later this year to instruct and care for pastors and their wives. They will share their experiences and inform us in ways we can help with their mission. A free-will offering will be collected following each service.

Intern Leadership Training - Monday and Tuesday, Pastor Kufahl will be at Concordia St. Paul to meet with our new intern Anna and .receive training as to what our responsibilities will be throughout Anna's time with us this fall. We pray that this will be a great and beneficial blessing to everyone!