



Third Sunday of Easter

**Sunday, May 4, 2025
9:30am**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God.

God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream 'Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary Wold

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Organist: Thomas Haag

Prayer Reader: Jeanne Johnson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Austria (Praise the Lord! O Heavens)

Kevin Norris

BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Alfie baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

As you bring Alfie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Alfie grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Alfie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Alfie and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

We give you thanks, God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Alfred Roy, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We give you thanks, God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give Alfie new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life. Sustain Alfie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Alfie Roy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and
into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #823

Praise the Lord! O Heavens



- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
- 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Revelation 5: 11—14

A reading from Revelation

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

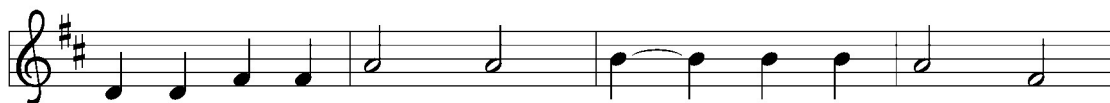
The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is from the hymn Hear Our Prayer, ELW #178.)

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

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip all who serve the church to nurture vibrant, living outreach.

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and ponds so all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

God of resurrection, we give thanks that in Christ, endings are never the final word. As Luther Memorial celebrates its closing worship, strengthen and send its members with courage and love. Open doors to new communities of faith. Renew their calling to be disciples wherever they go. And may your Church continue to rise with hope, bearing witness to your promise that nothing is ever lost in your hands.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God most mighty,
God most merciful,
God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.

May the face of Jesus shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Spirit of God fill you with peace and joy.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #392 vs. 1, 3, 5

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol (Alleluia, Sing to Jesus)

John Ferguson

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BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY TODAY

Alfred Roy Bahr, son of Tyler & Liz, little brother of Everett, and grandson of John & Barb, receives God's new life and anointing of the Holy Spirit this morning. May the light of Christ always shine on him. Alfie's sponsors are Elizabeth Fairfield and Joel Geier.

DORCAS SOCIETY, Wednesday, May 7, 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

We hope you had a blessed and joyful Easter! May's Dorcas Society meeting will focus on planning upcoming events, and we would love your input and participation. **Doors will open at 6pm**, offering a time for fellowship before we begin. As always, **everyone is welcome**—whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time! Come be part of the conversation and community.

OUTDOOR SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join us **Saturday, May 10 from 9am to 12 noon** for our annual **Outdoor Spring Clean-Up!**

Let's work together to refresh and beautify our grounds for the season.

What to bring: work gloves, rakes, shovels, or brooms, gardening tools (if you have them), and a willing spirit!

Please dress appropriately for outdoor work — sturdy shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, and a hat or sunscreen if it's sunny.

Come for any part of the morning you can spare — all help is appreciated!


HELP SHARE GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD!

We're excited to support **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**—an organization that brings **hope, dignity, and practical help** to people around the globe facing crisis. You can join this mission of compassion by collecting items for **Personal Care Kits** and **Baby Care Kits**.

Collection Dates:


Mother's Day, May 11, 2025 – Hawaiian Shirt Sunday, September 14, 2025

Whether you can contribute one kit or several, **every item makes a difference** in the life of someone facing hardship. Your gifts will help people feel clean, cared for, and remembered.

 **Personal Care Kits** : These kits provide hygiene essentials to individuals coping with natural disasters, conflict, or displacement.

Each kit includes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ONE lightweight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27") | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TWO bath-size bars of soap (4–5 oz each) | <input type="checkbox"/> ONE sturdy comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ONE metal nail clipper | <input type="checkbox"/> ONE adult toothbrush |

 **Baby Care Kits**: These kits support mothers and newborns in need, helping them start life with care and dignity.

Each kit includes:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> TWO receiving blankets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TWO pairs of socks | <input type="checkbox"/> FOUR cloth diapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ONE hand towel | <input type="checkbox"/> TWO diaper pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TWO bath-size bars of gentle soap | <input type="checkbox"/> TWO gowns or sleepers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ONE jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood (or include a baby cap) | |

Let's put our faith into action and bless others with the care they need. **Start collecting Kit items today!**

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Baptism Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9:30—12pm W. Conf. Clergy mtg.
1—5pm WCC
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am WELCA Board mtg.
12 noon Worship/HC
6:30pm Dorcas mtg.

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
5—9pm PEO mtg.

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open
9am—12 noon Spring Clean-Up

Dedication Sunday, May 11, 2025

Mother's Day

9:30am Worship/HC
10:30am M-MPC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica** & **Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Lucy Radatz, **Robert** Suter, and **James** Anderson

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, **Stacie** Phillips, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dennis Baehr	May 1
Katlyn Becker	May 8
Shelley Dolan	May 9
Suzanne Morgan	May 9
Thomas Culver	May 10
Kyle Heser	May 10