



8:00AM EASTER GARDEN SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
(IN-PERSON & ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE)

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
231 Jayne Avenue
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Easter Garden Service
Sunday, April 20th, 2025 - 8:30 am
“A Season of Adventure in a Year of Growing in Faith”

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**PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF
TO PREPARE YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR WORSHIP**

WELCOME to God’s House! We are happy that you are with us to Worship God together.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a congregation with a big heart. We all know how difficult it is to be new, but we want you to know that no matter who you are or where you find yourself in life, you are invited to join us for worship and fellowship. Come to hear God's Word, share in the Sacraments and discover new ways to reach out to the world with God's peace and grace.

Everyone is a child of God. From crying babies to enthusiastic seniors, we recognize that we are all called to be one body with many members. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, of every marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Those of different faith traditions, different physical, mental and emotional abilities and those in recovery or struggling with addiction are always welcome. We are committed to embracing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We sincerely hope you join us in our journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect for each other.

The bottom line: We welcome you! We are grateful to the one, holy Triune God who blessed us with this church. We know that no matter who you are Jesus accepts you and so do we. May our prayers, the hearing of God’s Word, and God's grace and love make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.”

Let us pause before the service to turn our thoughts toward God in silent prayer and meditation.

***PRELUDE**

***WORDS OF WELCOME AND GREETING**

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The people make a joyful noise and offer claps and shouts of good cheer!

***GOSPEL**

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus 'body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (Which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

***HYMN –**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (ELW 365)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!

3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!

our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!

who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!

now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!

sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

RESPONSE

Leader: He is not here. He has risen just as he said.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Come and see the place where he lay
Go quickly and tell his disciples.

Christ has risen from the dead.
He is going ahead of you.

Do not be afraid. Christ is with you always,
to the end of the age.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Eternal God,
who made this most holy dawn
to shine with the brightness of your One True Light,
set us aflame with the fire of your life,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***READING**

Selections from *Seven Stanzas at Easter* by John Updike

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
It was as His body . . .

It was not as the flowers
Each soft spring recurrent . . .
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered,
Paused, and then regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose . . .

Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache.
Not a stone in a story. . .

The wide light of day.

*READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

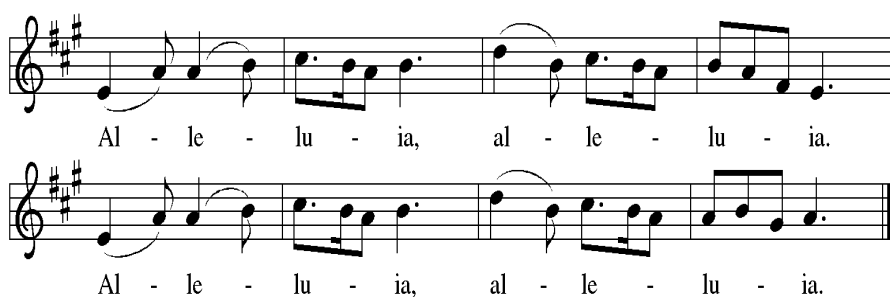
Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*CELTIC ALLELUIA

Sung 1x by the Leader, then 2x by the People



*SERMON

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Glorious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Enliven us for our mission,
that we may be the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us the power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

God of beauty, lead us and every people
in the ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

that all act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore
of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

God of mercy, their faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***OFFERING**

At this time, the People are invited to give a gracious offering to the ministries of the church communities gathered here today, that they might continue in their service of God and neighbor here in this place.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,
you call us to be salt and light for the world.
May the gifts that we offer here
be vivid signs of your abiding love in our community.
Make us your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: Praise God who made heaven and earth,
People: who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Leader: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

Leader: Saving God,
People: give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God,
give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,
give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants who enjoy it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his
resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God,
give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
bring us to new birth in the household of faith
and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Saving God,
give us life.

The people are asperged with this blessed water!

***PEACE**

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

The People share a sign of peace with their neighbors.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God
through Jesus Christ
by your Spirit in your church
without end. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Washed and renewed by the life-giving waters of creation, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

***MEAL**

The People share the meal with one another.

***PRAYER OF THANKS**

God, you swept away our darkness,
refreshed the waters of our lives,
and nourished us with holy food.
Send us forth as witnesses to the resurrection,
that we may reveal your glory to the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***BLESSING**

May God go before you to lead you.
May God go behind you to protect you.
May God go beneath you to support you.

May God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid.

May the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be upon you now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia!

***CLOSING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

***SENDING**

Go in peace, Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Lay Assistant	
Acolyte	
Crucifer	
Lector	Colin Cosell
Tech Assistants Tech for this Sunday is BOLDED	Matt Aleixo, Peter Angelica, Michael Johonnett, Jay Mueller and Jeremy Terhune
Altar Guild	Lois Cope
Children's Church Volunteers For this Sunday is BOLDED	Kristen Ascenzio, Gena Mizzi, Karen Mizz, Anna Bambino- Mazard and Abigail Myers
Tellers	
Ushers	Rich Stewart

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Claire Repsholdt
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Musicians/Organist/Pianist	Stephen Goldstein
Office Administrator	Nancy Gonzalez



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

<p><u>For those with Illness/Sickness Preparing for Surgery or Recuperating and for those who assist them and those in need of healing:</u></p> <p>Alexis Baby Joseph & Mom Barbara Marie Nikki Diane Baruch Angela Bello Eileen Benedict Veronica Bergin Richard Boyle Fabiola Cahill Ted Colligan Terry Costabile Alessia De La Vega Joaquin Solorzano De La Vega Marge DiSibio Mary Ann Dittmeier Jeff Dittmeier Kathryn Monaco Douglas Bobby Dunn Timmy Dunn Ann Dunn Jeff Durham Jen Engelage Patty Kelly-Farmer Adeline Feeney Venus Gallant – ICU Ella Giannotti Stephen Goldstein James Gonzalez and the Gonzalez Family Flo Hafner Katherine Haberman Mark Hendricks Joseph Hernandez Marie Holst Nolan Horn-Child Rachel & Paul</p>	<p>Margaret – Recovery Michael Hyman Bryson Jezewski Margaret Johonnett Brian Joyce Peggy Kurz Diane Lauben Vera Liles Thomas Liles June Lohmann Armando Luyo Carol Mc Caffrey Trevor McDonald Erin McQuade Pam Madison Melissa Mathieu John Meyer Johnnie Faye Minor Bob Nielssen Jane Noack Mary O'Neill Kumi Deborah Oladapo Judy Onorato Bruce Perry Ally Pierre Nancy Pulsch Bill Roche Oscar Rojas Gail Rooney Michele Sanchez Vito Scarola Grace Schumacher James Shields Scott Simonetti Rob Slater Irene Snyder Wilson Sosa Rob Jim Stegemann Rich Stewart Jim Tabb Brielle Toro Matt Tosques</p>	<p>Audrey Tremmel Giseli Vieira Carol Vilbig Linda Miguel Villafane James Vogel Anthony Zeffiro Walter Joanne - Cancer Timothy Wittmann Janeen Matthew Wynthurst</p> <p><u>At Home</u></p> <p><u>In Hospice</u></p> <p><u>In Crisis/Recovery/ Needs Prayers</u></p> <p><u>In Service</u> John Charpentier Will Dorvilier Ian Kuhn Corey Papile Logan Putnam</p> <p><u>Nursing Home/Rehab</u></p> <p><u>For the Families of:</u> Thomas Bergin Christine Eberhardt Mario Saravia Linda Liles Doug Bower Barbara Engesser William Ellis Michele Barbera Marilyn Clukey</p>
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WE WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR YOU!

Please forward your prayer requests for the homebound, sick or recuperating, for those in crisis or recovery, in a nursing home/rehab or for those brave men and woman serving in our Military.

COMPLETE A BLUE PRAYER REQUEST FORM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FORWARD AN EMAIL REQUEST TO OFFICE@LCOSPATCHOGUE.ORG



This year we are “Acting on Faith”

This season we start to explore our growing areas and create plans for the future of the church.

Together we ask:

How do we hope to grow in relationship to each other, our community and to God?

What stories might we share and what lessons might we learn to help us grow in our faith?



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Tuesday: 12pm-5pm

Wednesday: 12pm-5pm

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Pastor Claire would love to connect with you one on one to hear your stories of life in faith. Email Pastor Claire or call the office to schedule an appointment.

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