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APRIL 5TH, 2026 - EASTER SUNDAY 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Victimae paschali laudes” (# 371-English Translation)

Pastor Jared, Solo

EASTER DIALOGUE(*please rise in body or spirit

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

#365

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (9:00)

“ Christ Arose”

OSLC Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

Nathan & Nicole Johnson Family

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

This passage makes clear that God’s final word is always “Yes.” Because God’s love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ²Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.”

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

PSALM Psalm118: 1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY(*please rise in body or spirit) “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

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APOSTLES CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING:

Thank you for your gifts of financial support that make the ministry at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church possible. Offering Plates are in the back of the sanctuary to receive your gifts. If you were not able to leave a gift, you can place it in the offering plate on your way out.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER(*please rise in body or spirit)

Merciful God, **receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life . . . Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking . . . burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times . . . O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Now the Green Blade Rises” #379
“Be Not Afraid” #388
“Thine the Amen” #826
“Beautiful Savior” #838
“You Are Holy” #525

BLESSING FROM THE TABLE(*please rise in body or spirit)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who raised Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the living Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

#380

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, Alleluia! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

This worship is ended; now the service goes on in the world. Go in peace, proclaim the good news, serve the risen Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Jared Carson to the Glory of God!

Walking in the Midst of Chaos: The Women of the ELCA are hosting this event at the Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm on Saturday, April 18th from 9am to 3pm. The event features speakers, music, vendors and friendships. Lunch is \$20 and pre-registration is required by March 28th. Walk-ins are welcome, but lunch is not guaranteed. Contact LouVay White or Jan Stowman if you are interested in attending.

Summer Youth Trip July 20-21 - OSLC youth and friends in grades 7-12! Sign up now! Join Kyla on a two-day trip to Minneapolis and enjoy time volunteering at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children as well as Valleyfair! Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

Red Willow Bible Camp Sponsorship Code Forms are now available and located on both youth bulletin boards! If your child plans to attend camp this summer, simply grab a form, complete it, and get it back to Kyla or the church office and then Kyla will be in touch with the OSLC code to register for camp. Contact Kyla with any questions!

Treasure Sale Donations: Please remember as you begin your spring cleaning that the WELCA ladies are having their annual treasure sale May 1st and 2nd. Items can be brought anytime, as we have storage space available. Holiday, household, children's toys and other gently used items are welcome. No adult clothing, please. Contact Ann in the office, LouVay White or Jan Stowman with any questions.

Radio Broadcasts: There are currently many Sundays open to sponsor. Please contact Ann in the office if you would like to help with this important outreach ministry. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.

Pastor Jared is out of the office: from Tuesday, April 7th through Thursday, April 9th. He will be available by phone or email.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another. Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for the Joe & Kandice Plagens, Bill & Audry Poukka, Ross Powell, Bill & Nancy Powell and Doug Quick families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

A reminder that the building and offices will be closed on Monday, April 6th.

A look ahead at the week of April 5th to April 12th, 2026.

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Easter Brunch in the Gathering Room
10:15 am | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
11:00 am | Worship

MON: **Building and Office closed**

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
9:00 am | Ministerial Meeting
12:30 am | Staff Meeting
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
6:30 pm | Confirmation
7:00 pm | Committees
8:00 pm | Council

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (4/12): 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Sunday School
11:00 am | Worship
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast

