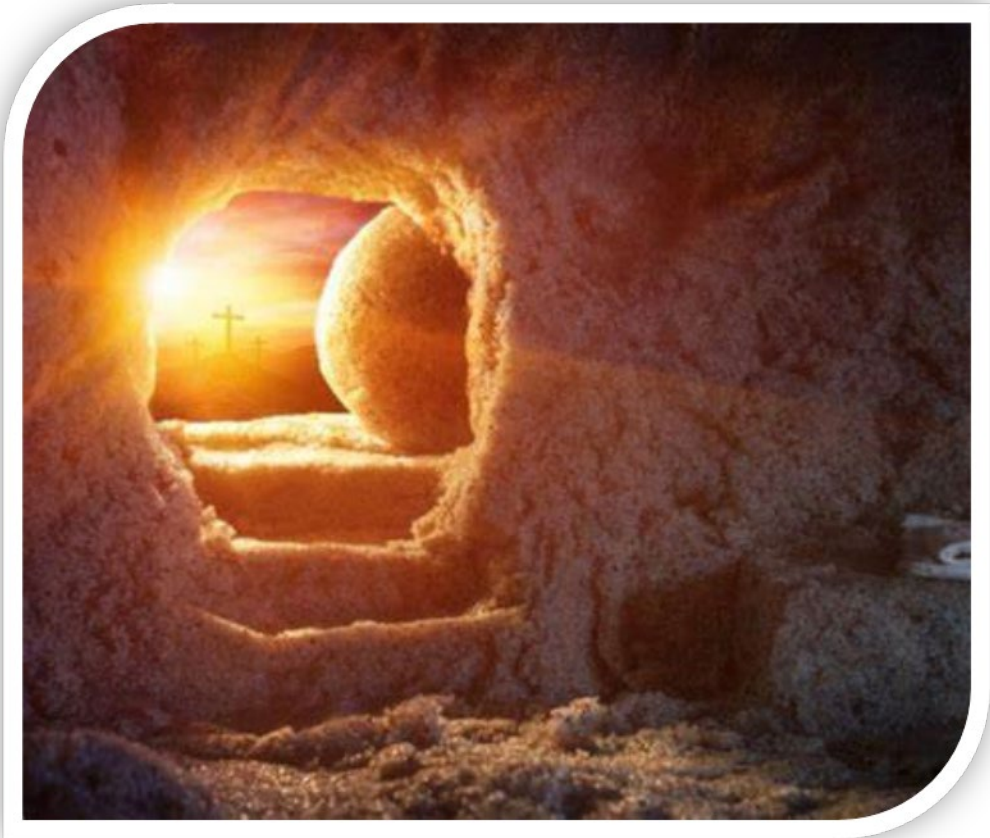


Easter Festival Service

April 9, 2023



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

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THE INVOCATION

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: **With joy we respond, "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"**

P: We celebrate this festival day in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Upon the hill the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb.

C: **Christ is risen, Alleluia!**

P: Within us, new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world.

C: **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Amen!**

THE OPENING HYMN "He's Risen, He's Risen"

CW21, # 445



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van-quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.
for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

Rejoice, too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.

Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: **and also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **it is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and your one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

For he is the true Paschal Lamb who offered himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of his precious blood.

C: **This day we remember when you brought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground.**

This is the morning when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.

This is the morning when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the dawn of the new creation breaks forth out of night.

P: Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave you gave your Son.

C: **How holy is this day when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.**

How holy is this day when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.

How blessed is this day when man is reconciled to God in Christ.

P: Holy Father, accept now our Easter worship of thanksgiving and praise.

C: **Let Christ, the true Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

CW21, # 438



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!

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THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- P:** O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and are worthy to receive only your punishment and condemnation. But your mercies never end; they are new every day. At your command and promise, therefore, we come to you and confess our sins.
- C:** **O holy and merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner!**

THE PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

- P:** Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God's Word assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.
- C:** **Amen.** (*sung*)

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

- P:** Let us pray.
- C:** **Lord Jesus, when you rose victorious from death, you gave us a day of great rejoicing. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out to celebrate the good news of your resurrection, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

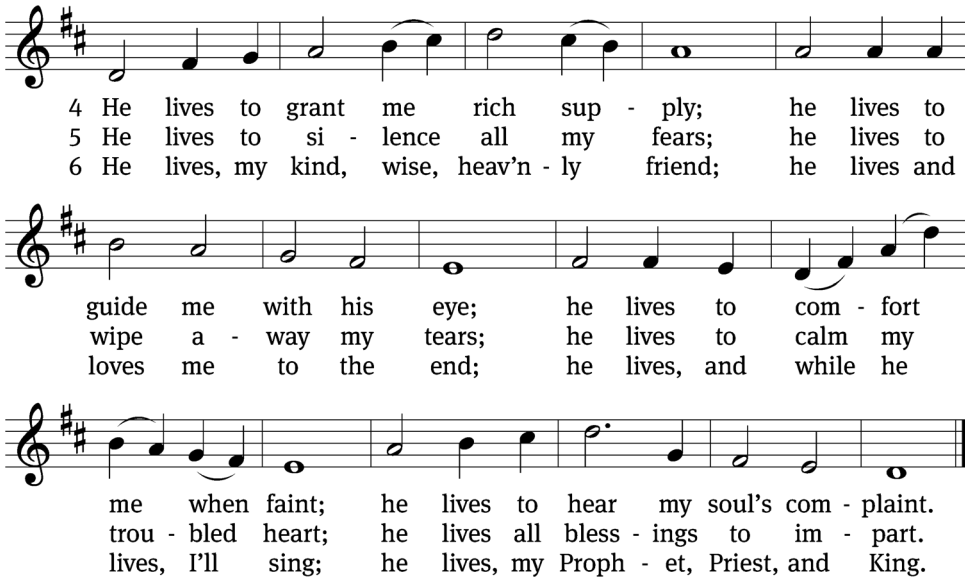
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THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 12-23

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

RESPONSE**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

CW21, 441:4-6



4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-9

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 came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, 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.)

THE CREED Second Article, Luther's Catechism

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

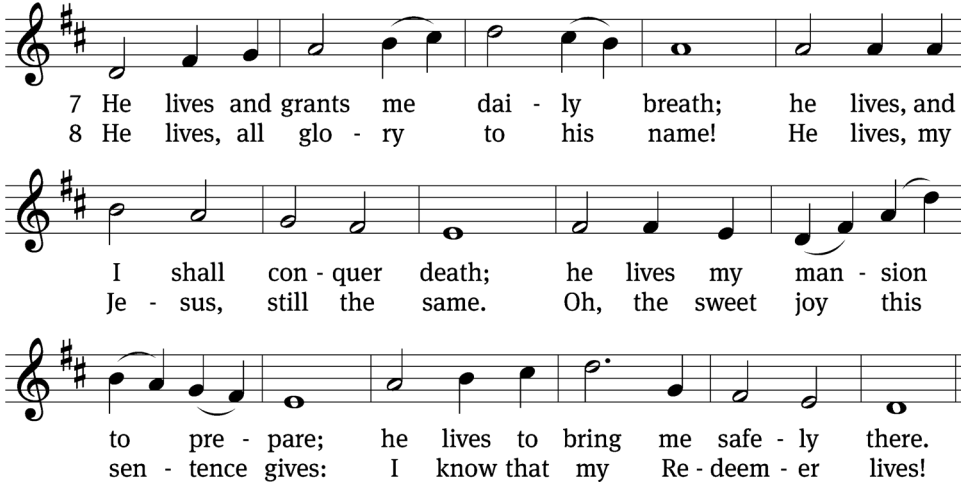
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

RESPONSE

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

CW21, 441:7-8



7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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THE SERMON John 20:1-9

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

1. Yes, because it happened
2. Yes, because the Word says so

OFFERINGS & PRAYERS

Members and guests alike are also asked to fill out the Friendship Register, pass the entire pad to the next person, and return it to the center aisle. Please include email and phone.

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and [+] give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

CW21, 446



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de-fense and my Sav - ior,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this

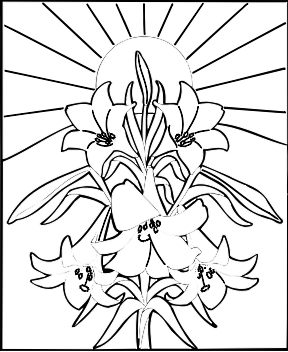


night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

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SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Blessed Easter to All!



A blessed Easter to all from the church/school staff and families!

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS - You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. This is his house and he is your heavenly Father. Come, then, into his presence offering him your love and service. Come, expecting to share in the greatest things that life can offer. Come, to hear of full and free forgiveness. And come to know that you are "more than conquerors" over sin, death and the devil. For God promised to the first sinners that they would

be forgiven through One of their own, an offspring...whom we have met again today. His name, the most important name of all, is Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.

NURSERY - There is a mothers' room with sound system speakers at the rear of the church on the same side as the organ.

THANK YOU, to all who helped to beautify our service with music, decorations and a genuine love for Christ. We are so blessed to know him and to have our forever future secure.

Thursday Services will resume this coming Thursday at 7 p.m.

Regular Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 am on Sunday Mornings
7:00 pm on Thursday Evenings

Communion is celebrated the on the first and third Sundays of the month and the prior Thursday.

Sunday School & Teen Bible Study: 9:15 am - Between Sunday Morning Services

Adult Bible Study: 9:15 am – Sunday Morning, between Services, and various times during the week.

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran School offers classes for 3 & 4-Year-Old Kindergarten through 8th grade.



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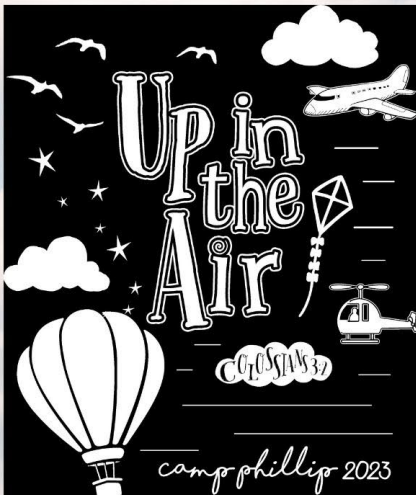
JULY 10-14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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CAMP PHILLIP PRESENTS:

**"UP IN THE AIR" BASED ON COLOSSIANS 3:2 –
"SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON
EARTHLY THINGS."**



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



**REGISTER BY
JUNE 15TH**

Questions? Please contact the church office at
oslcs@oursaviorgrafton.org or 262-377-6363.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (4/9)	7:00	am	Sonrise Worship Service
	8:00	am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30	am	Festival Worship
Monday	5:30	pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:00	pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	am	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:20	am	Children's Chapel
	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:30	pm	PTF Meeting
Thursday	7:00	pm	Worship Service w/Communion
Friday	9:00	am	Mom's Circle
Saturday	7:00	am	Men's Bible Study
	3:00	pm	Daddy Daughter Dance
Sunday (4/16)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15	am	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/Communion

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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Charles Papenfuss

ORGANIST:

Robert Klug

HYMNS: As printed

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 25:6-9

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 20:1-9

SERMON:

John 20:1-9

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