Our Saviour Lutheran Church

The Resurrection of Our Lord
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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back. If you would like a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave a note in the visitors' book.

The Offering

At this time, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. For God loves a cheerful giver. Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.

Children in the Service
It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church before the Service of the Sacrament.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion
We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

A note on the service:
Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. *The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.*

The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.

It helps to follow the service if you mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.

Explanation of Symbols:

C Congregation
P Pastor (ordained)
A Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
L Liturgist (ordained or lay)
✢ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

463 Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

4 Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Creed, the Third Article

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P What does this mean?

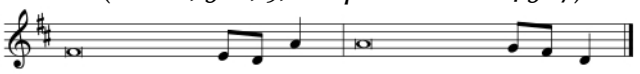
C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Introit (*Ps. 8:1, 5–6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5–7*)

A He is risen! Alle- | luia!*
Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
Remember how he | told you*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

C O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*
You have set your glory above the | heavens.

A Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honour.

C O | Lord, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

C ❖ *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *and to the Holy | Spirit,***
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

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6 Kyrie

6 Gloria in excelsis

8 Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *"After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God"* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ... But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57).

Old Testament Reading—Job 19:23–27

23 Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were
inscribed in a book! 24 Oh that with an iron pen and
lead they were engraved in the rock forever! 25 For I
know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will
stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been
thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall be-
hold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Gradual (*Ps. 118:24,11*)

C This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures
for- | ever!

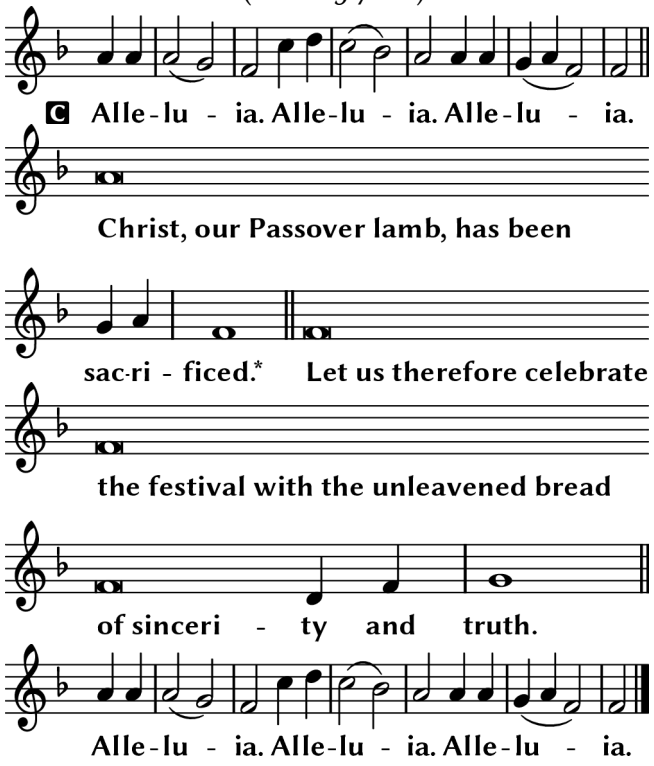
Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 15:51–57

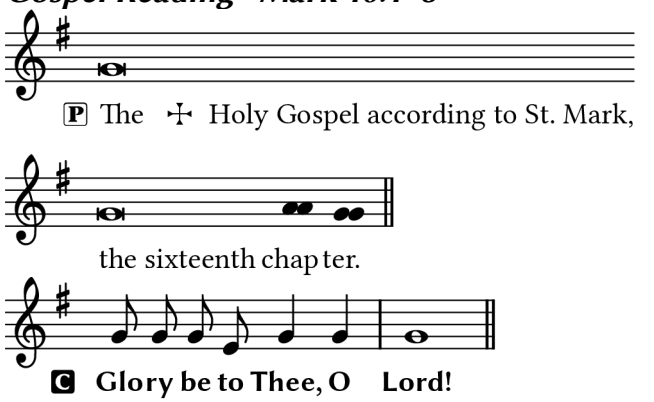
51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep,
but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the
twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the
trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised im-
perishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this per-
ishable body must put on the imperishable, and this
mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the

perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

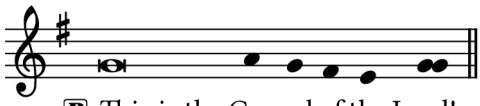
"Death is swallowed up in victory."
55 "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia & Verse (*1 Cor. 5:7–8b*)

Gospel Reading—Mark 16:1–8



When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell

his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."
[8] And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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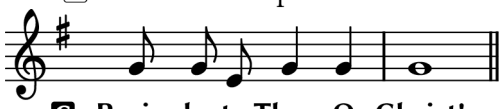

℃ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

12 The Nicene Creed

458 Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon

13 The Offertory

Offering

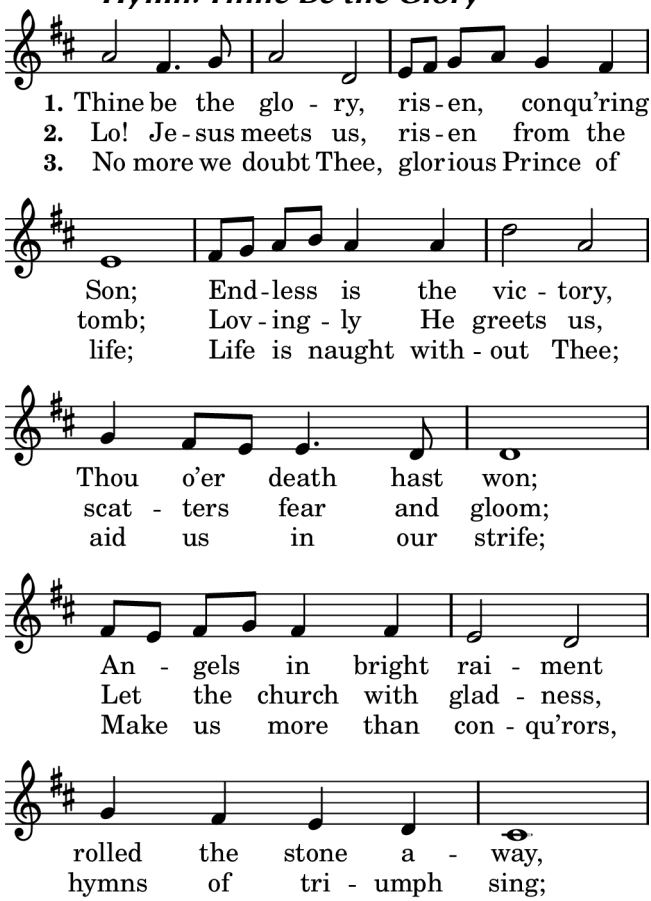
13 Prayer of the Church

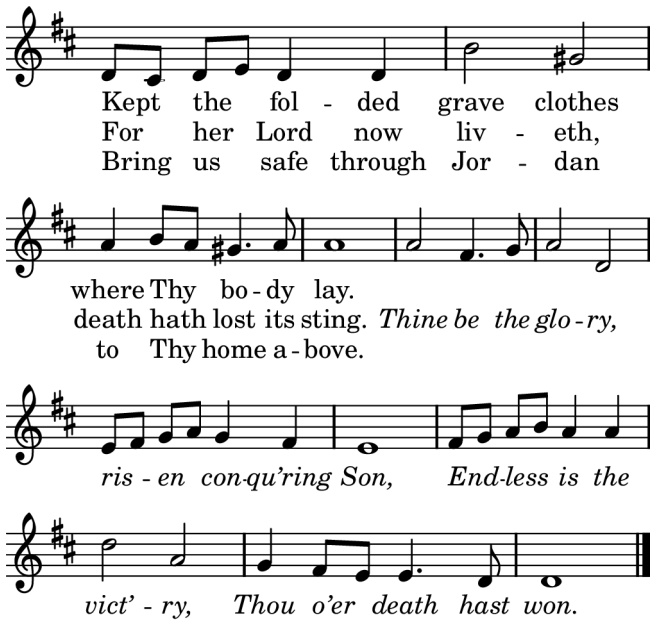
633 Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast

14 The Service of the Sacrament

18 Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers

Hymn: Thine Be the Glory





Sunday School Presentation

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron, Forbes, Frank, John

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jerry Harbin (cancer)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); Mike (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Graham (tumour); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children (cancer); Steve (recovering from cancer); Baby Thomas (health)

ELCE

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church; Pr. Van Fossan; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)& family of †Pawel Jagucki

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lutheran Church of Nigeria; SS Peter & Paul CofE

A Reading From The Book Of Concord
The Smalcald Articles
Part II, Article I: The Chief Article

The first and chief article is this:

That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:24–25).

He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29), and God has laid on Him the iniquities of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23–4)

This is necessary to believe. This cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. As St. Paul says, "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law" (Romans 3:28). "That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith Jesus" (Romans 3:26).

Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls. "For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "And with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Upon this article everything that we teach and practice depends, in opposition to the Pope, the devil, and the whole world. Therefore, we must be certain and not doubt this doctrine. Otherwise all is lost, and the Pope and devil and all things gain the victory and suit over us.

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Dates for Your Diaries

The Week Ahead

Mon–Fri		*Pastor on leave*
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	12 noon	Extraordinary General Meeting
	4.30pm	Divine Service (Brighton Mission)

Further ahead

10 Apr	10.30am	Bible Study (Parsonage)
	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
11 Apr	7.45pm	Annual General Meeting (Parsonage)
14 Apr	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
27 Apr	10am	Worship Conference (Luther-Tyndale L.C.)
28 Apr	9am	Divine Service at St. Francis, Funtley (tbc)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1–14; 1 John 5:4–10; John 20:19–31

Daily Readings:

Sun: Exodus 14:10–31 Hebrews 7:23–8:13 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VI: 7–14*

Mon: Ex 15:1–18 Heb 9:1–28 *FC SD VI: 15–20*

Tue: Ex 15:19–16:12 Heb 10:1–18 *FC SD VI: 21–26*

Wed: Ex 16:13–35 Heb 10:19–39 *FC SD VII: 1–8*

Thu: Ex 17:1–16 Heb 11:1–29 *FC SD VII: 9–16*

Fri: Ex 18:5–27 Heb 12:1–24 *FC SD VII: 17–27*

Sat: Ex 19:1–25 Heb 13:1–21 *FC SD VII: 28–34*