

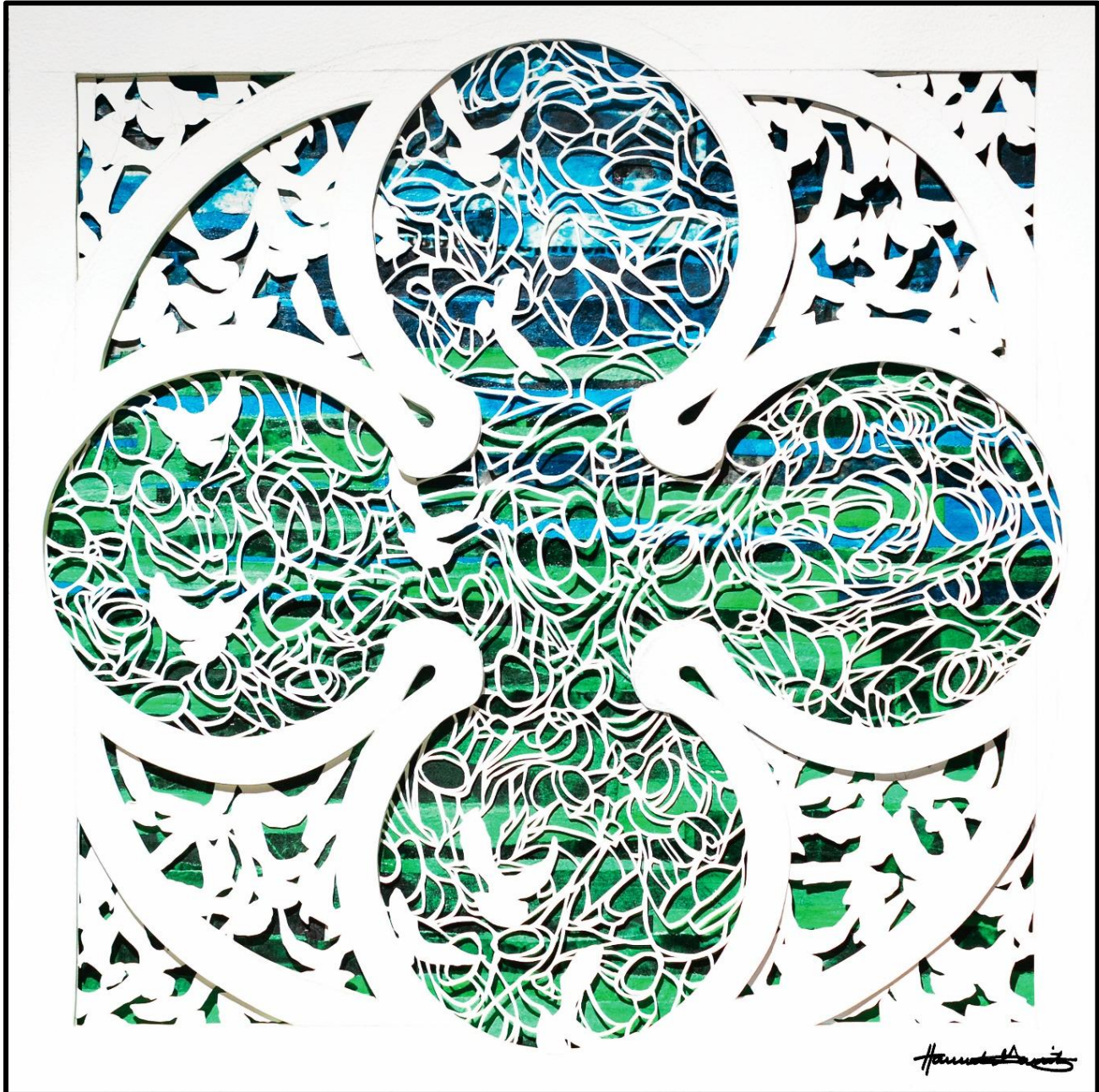


**Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN**

**Easter Sunday**

April 05, 2026

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*



**Meet Me in Galilee**  
by Hannah Garrity  
Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

**The Good News is... *alive in the world!***

## Call to Worship

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

The good news is dancing!

**The good news is on the loose!**

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

**Choir Anthem**      “Hosanna to the King who Comes!” arr. Lloyd Larson      Easter Choir

## Confession & Forgiveness

On Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. He rose again and went to work spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear this, there is nothing you can do that could keep God’s love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.

Let us pray: Gracious God, **we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. Forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.**

Beloved, even when we are imperfect we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for us. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”      Red #365

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **Greeting**

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

Holy One, **all over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, with eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.**

### **First Reading –Acts 10:34-43**

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10**

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**Message**

Pastor Liz Rossing

**Hymn of the Day**

“Lift High the Cross”

Red #660

***Refrain***

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. ***Refrain***

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. ***Refrain***

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. ***Refrain***

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! ***Refrain***

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in a table-setting God **who always has a seat saved for you.**

We believe in an inviting God **who leaves the porch light on and a hand extended.**

We believe in a radically welcoming God **who eats with the overlooked and the outcast,  
the hungry and the downtrodden.**

We believe in the good news of the gospel, which reminds us **that all are welcomed, all are  
celebrated, all are loved, and all are claimed.**

Pull up a seat at God’s table. **There is good news to be shared here. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

God of love. **Hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

## **Giving Prayer**

Gracious God, **giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.**  
**Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

Red Page 152

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.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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 Hymn**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Red #389

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

3. In ev'ry insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice love, and praise.

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul’s complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
5. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; he lives and love me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I’ll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest and king!
7. He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

## Announcements

### Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless us now and always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory”

Red #376

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

## ***Refrain***

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring  
Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he  
greet thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! ***Refrain***

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught  
without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more that conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. ***Refrain***

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Easter Garden 2026**

Sandy & Terry Bateman in honor of Family

Cindy McCabe in honor of Loved Ones

Tom Hawkins & Marcia Carlson in honor of Family

Bill Miller in honor of his wife, Barb

Bob & Deb Gehrke in memory of Lost Loved Ones

Greg Davis in honor of William & Georgia Davis

Jim & Ginny Grabow in honor of Loved Ones

Mark & Betty Consoer in honor of their parents

Jeff & Jody Block in honor of Loved Ones

Dianne Hanson in honor of Loved Ones

Pam Zimmerman in honor of Loved Ones

LeAnne Sexe in memory of Bill Sexe

Linda Zuhlsdorf & Glen Zabel in memory of Eileen Zabel

Dean & Mary Koppelman in honor of Kari

Kay Wendelschafer in memory of Dave Wendelschafer

A special thank you to those who joined us in choir and to Kevin for directing us!

**Serving in Worship 4/05/26**

Musician: Vicki Walechka

Greeter/Usher: **Volunteer Needed**

Reader: Ginny Grabow

Communion Assistant: Ginny Grabow

Video Operator: **Volunteer Needed**

Fellowship: Easter Brunch

**Serving in Worship 4/12/26**

Musician: Vicki Walechka

Greeter/Usher: Sandra Koppelman

Reader: Linda Zuhlsdorf

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**Announcements:**

**God Squad**

Wednesday, 4/8 Worship & End of Year celebration

**April Make and Pray**

Make & Pray will be held on April 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm with Knitting 101. If you've always wanted to learn to knit or if you have knitting questions, join

Pr. Liz for a lesson. Please, RSVP by 4/6 and indicate if you need supplies or will bring your own.

**LeSueur County Relay for Life**

July 10th from 5-9:30 p.m. at the Le Center Fairgrounds. Join us for an evening of hope, celebration, and community at the 33rd Annual Le Sueur County Relay for Life! Create a team at [relayforlife.org/LeSueur](http://relayforlife.org/LeSueur) county or call 515-341-3564.

**New Office Hours**

Office hours have changed! The new office hours will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. or by appointment

## **Calendar:**

Sunday, 4/05

- Worship w/ Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 4/08

- God Squad

Thursday, 4/09

- Bible study at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 4/12

- Worship at 9:00 a.m.

## **Prayer Concerns:**

(Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested)

Members: Charlotte Jacoby+, George Bauer+, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+, Jean Seely+, Jayne Martin+, Dianne Hansen+, Doug Starkweather+, Joanna Starner+, Dan McCabe+

Non-Members: Aiden Domras+, Cindy Wieland+, Holly Kallestad+, Deb Vieth+, Gary McCabe+, Corey Hicks, Shawn Heckman+, Maggie Blanshan+, Jeff Carlson

Those in the military service:

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Tyler Seitz, and Tyler Piotter. We pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.