

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026 Welcome !

It is wonderful to worship with you today !

All are welcome regardless of church affiliation – or no church affiliation – faith tradition – or no faith tradition. And we mean all ! Brown, Black, White, Yellow, young, old, single, married, divorced, gay, straight, republican, democrat, crying babies and screaming toddlers – whatever you are – you will be welcome here. No matter your gifts, abilities or struggles.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this service bulletin.

Restrooms can be found downstairs.

Feel free to take pictures, videos, post to social media, even during worship - it's OK ! We love sharing God's word and hope you will too !

Parents with small children are welcome to use the church entryway area (through the glass doors) for quiet time. There is a changing table in the Women's bathroom.

Gathering Prayer *please stand if you are able*

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

All: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

- 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness

please remain standing

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Pastor: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, let us now draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

If you are able, please kneel or you may sit

Pastor: God of grace and truth,

All: **We confess that we have not lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have veiled our hearts from your light. We have resisted your call to follow. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light.**

please remain kneeling

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ came among us to proclaim release to the captives, to let the oppressed go free. Today the promise is fulfilled: God forgives you all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow Christ in newness of life.

All: **Amen**

Greeting

please stand if you are able

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

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray . . . O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. As we gather today open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Hymn of Praise

**1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**3. The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.**

**4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

please be seated

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading taken from the Book of Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 14a, 36-41
New Standard Revised Version

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save

yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Lector: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Lector: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

Lector: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

Lector: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

All: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Lector: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

All: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Lector: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

All: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

The Second Reading taken from the Book of Peter, Chapter 1, Verses 17-23
New Standard Revised Version

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold

Lector: Let us hear the Word of God

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector: This the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn Part 1
please stand if you are able

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,
Chapter 24, verses 13-29
New Revised Standard Version

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

Pastor: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Gospel Hymn *Part 2*

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

please be seated

Sermon Rev. Danielle McCleary

Hymn of the Day

please stand for the hymn

**1. O Thou who this mysterious bread
Didst in Emmaus break,
Return, herewith our souls to feed,
And to thy followers speak.**

**2. Unseal the volume of thy grace,
Apply the gospel word;
Open our eyes to see thy face,
Our hearts to know the Lord.**

**3. Of thee communing still, we mourn
Till thou the veil remove;
Talk with us, and our hearts shall burn
With flames of fervent love.**

**4. Enkindle now the heavenly zeal,
And make thy mercy known,
And give our pardoned souls to feel
That God and love are one.**

The Prayers of the Church (AM)

*At the end of each petition of the prayer
the Pastor shall say: Lord in your mercy*

Please respond with: Receive our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

at the conclusion of the prayers

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*with a handshake or a wave, we greet one another
with a sign of God's peace. . .*

*please be seated for the collection of offering
following the sharing of the peace*

Offertory

*Sung by congregation
as the gifts are presented at the altar
Please stand if you are able*

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
To place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought,
But only as we're able.**

**Our hopes our dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.**

AM: Let us pray . . . O Mighty One

All: **God of healing and hope, you bless those who
are hungry, promising to fulfill them with good
things. Fulfill that promise through us and these
your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your
feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving *spoken*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We sing for
joy because you have redeemed your people. Your
people who have walked in darkness have seen a great
light. And so, with your people on earth and with
all the company of heaven, we praise your name and
join their unending hymn . . .

The Sanctus

spoken by congregation

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, Creator of all and source of life,
in the beginning your word brought light into the
whole world. In the fullness of time, you sent your
Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and
to make us your daughters and sons.

All: **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life
among us, his death and resurrection, we await his
coming again when all things will be restored in
him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live as
your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Al-mighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your
Holy Church, both now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Pastor: And now with the confidence of children
of God, we are bold to pray.

All: **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**

Pastor: Christ is the true bread that has come down
from heaven. Emmanuel, God with us.

All: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*please remain standing for the singing
of the Agnus Dei*

Agnus Dei *sung*

All: **Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Have mercy - Have mercy - On us**

**O - Lamb of God
You Take away the sin of the world
Grant us - Grant us - Your peace**

please be seated

The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving
Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion;
children and those of other faiths are invited
to share the bread and a blessing.*

*Communion will be distributed in this fashion:
Please come to the front of the church to receive
the bread from the Pastor.*

*If you are seated on the **right** side of the church
please go to the **right** side communion rail.*

*If you are seated on the **left**
side go to the **left** side communion rail.*

*The Assistant Minister will follow with the cup.
Please dip your wafer into the wine when prompted.*

Communion Hymn

**1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:**

**2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:**

**3. O dear Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home**

*When all have returned to their seats,
the congregation will please stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

All: **For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AM: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: **Amen**

please be seated

Congregational Announcements

please stand for the Benediction and Closing Hymn

Benediction

Pastor: May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you peace. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn

**1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke,
But we believe him near.**

**2. We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.**

**4. That when our lives of faith are done,
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**

AM: The worship has ended, the service now begins.
Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**



Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Today - April 19, 2026
Third Sunday
Worship
Worship

9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Sunday - April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday
Worship
Worship

9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Worship - Online Worship Package - every Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Every Sunday at Noon we will continue to post our on-line worship service - it is NOT a live version of our Sunday worship, but a different experience tailored to watching and interacting at home. Thousands watch every week - watch it - share it - like it - comment!

These 30 minute worship videos are found on the church Facebook page, the church's YouTube channel or by going to the church web site and clicking on the button on the bottom right of the home page that says "Watch Live"

These videos are archived and can be watched 24/7.

We will no longer be showing worship live from the church building on a Sunday morning.

Arrivals and Departures . . .

Free Parking ~ Every Sunday
Available on the south side of 90th Avenue from 175 Street to 178 Street. You MUST display a yellow parking permit. To get a permit ask an usher - they are FREE!

Hand sanitizers are available in the entryway and in the bathrooms.



Contact Us . . .

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For any questions or concerns regarding the worship assistants schedule, please reach out to Leah Singh at 917-306-0098



Pastor Danielle's Welcome Message!

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! It is such a joy to be starting this new chapter together in the Easter season. In spite of all the things that incite fear, doubt, confusion, or sorrow, God is always making things new among us. As I reflect on my own journey here, I remember the mixture of anticipation and hope I felt when I first learned about this congregation. Through prayer and discernment, I sensed that God was guiding me to a community that welcomes new beginnings and cherishes faith, even through times of uncertainty. I'm thankful for the call to serve as your pastor and to discover all the new things God will continue to do among us here in Jamaica, Queens, and beyond.

I honor the transition period you all have been through over the last couple of years and acknowledge all the hard work and dedication the council, the call committee, and the congregation as a whole have put in to get to this point. In this new season, we will all be working together to build relationships, rebuild ministries, and see what God is calling us to next.

In these first few months, I commit to learning from you all about the traditions of Our Saviour and the lives you hold dear. I will prioritize pastoral care and the community's needs as I continue to get to know you all. I invite you to share your stories, concerns, or needs with me directly after services, or by calling or emailing the church office or me so we can connect. I will show up ready to listen, learn, and grow together.

With Resurrection Joy,
Pastor Danielle McCleary



ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

COMING SOON.....TRAINING FOR USHERS & ASSISTING MINISTERS

Ushers:

For current Ushers and anyone high school age and above. Be a part of the Welcome Team at YOUR CHURCH. The only requirements are attending training and arriving for worship 1/2 hour early on your scheduled day - and to be able to greet everyone with a smile! You do not need to be a member to serve!

Assisting Ministers:

For current Assisting Ministers and anyone high school age and above who are Confirmed. Assisting Ministers are perhaps the most visible of any worship assistant as they prepare the altar and help lead worship on Sundays.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEEETING RESULTS

Number of Confirmed Members needed for Quorum: 39
Number of Ballots Returned: 47
Number of Ballots Voting YES on all questions: 42
Number of Invalid Ballots: 5
Number of Blank Ballots: 2

CURRENT CHURCH COUNCIL

Elaine Peters Guthrie (President)
Neil Pierre
Nirvana Ramkissoon (Secretary)
Diann Pattyram
Evelyn Mandal (Treasurer)



Fourth Sunday of Easter **April 26, 2026**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, when the readings invite us to contemplate one of the most tender images in all of Scripture: Christ as the shepherd who leads and cares for his flock.

In an interesting way, this Sunday forms a quiet bookend with the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Both Sundays proclaim Psalm 23 as the Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

And both Sundays invite us to reflect on the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep.

Welcome !

If you are joining us for the first time today or if your personal information has changed, please use this tear-off card to help us keep in touch with you and let you know of all the great things happening at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

My Name _____

Address _____

Apartment _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

This is my:

- 1st time at worship
 2nd time at worship

I would like more information on:

- Becoming a Member
 Baptizing my child
 I would like a Pastor to call
 Other _____

I am asking the church to pray for the following person or reason

- I would like these prayers to be kept confidential
- I would like these prayers to be added to the church prayer list to be read next Sunday morning during worship
(Names will be included for one week)

Please tear off this card and either

- place it in the offering plate
- give it to an usher



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The Perfect church . . . for those who aren't !

This year marks our 102nd year of ministry in Queens. Organized in 1923, Our Saviour Lutheran Church includes people from 26 nations of origin, gathered together to celebrate in Word and Sacrament the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to root our hope in the power of the Good News.

As a people who have been touched by God's love in Jesus Christ, we respond by giving our lives in friendship and service.

We are: A Joyful people !
 A Diverse people !
 Gathered for worship !
 Scattered for ministry !

Welcome !

Worship Schedule

Worship every Sunday
9:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

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