

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EASTER SEASON 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship



WHO WE ARE

We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.

- We embrace an open approach to every spiritual journey.
- We ask questions together and value every voice.
- We strive for justice through service to the world.

We seek to be transformed by the path we walk together.

WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

We are a community embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation.

We look for the Christ shining in every race, every child and family shape, every sexual orientation and gender identity, every physical and mental ability, every economic status, and every faith perspective. Within this dynamic community, we foster meaningful connections and experiences as we live into faith and face the issues of our time.

Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds, and hands extended to all.

"... for all of you are one in Christ." – Gal. 3:2

"WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE"

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song of praise!" So said St. Augustine (354-430 CE) in an Easter sermon. So what does it mean to be "an Easter people?" Well, it implies a change. It means we live in a way different than the way we would live otherwise. What is that change? One pastor put it this way: "Easter means death no longer has power over us; things that have power over us can be scary; so how do we live when there is no fear of death?" Another pastor asks the question, "If being a Christian were illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you of this crime?" We are an Easter people – what changes in your life might reflect that?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOG

L Please rise in body or spirit.

We are a community of people transformed by the promise of Easter.

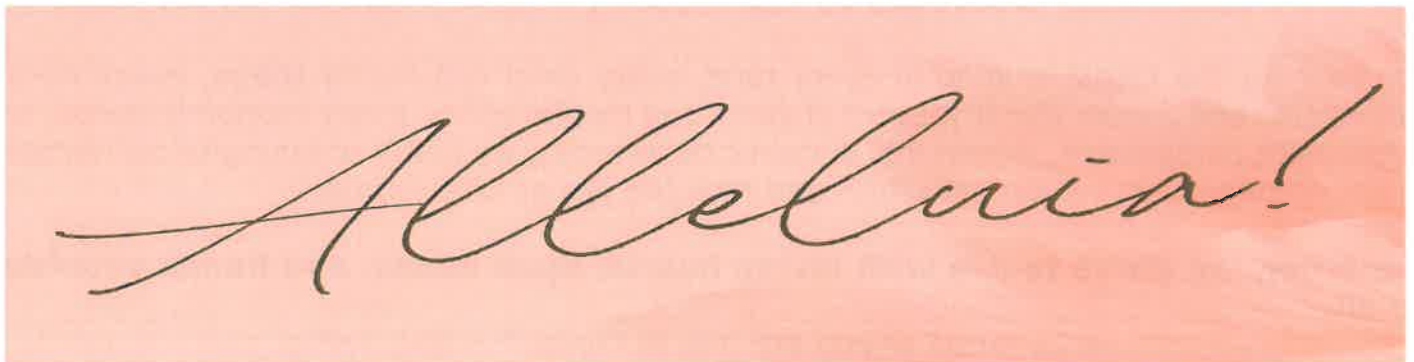
Here we gather with all the faithful who have gone before us, learning from their path and creatively forging our own.

The wonder of Easter morning invites us all to the banquet table. From west to east, the whole human family is invited to share at the table of plenty.

A table of mercy long enough so that there is a place for all.

For Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.



HYMN OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST

Cantor/Choir



This is the feast! Come to the feast! Come to the ban-quet of God!

3 All



This is the feast, the won - der - ful feast. Come to the meet - ing of
Peo - ple will come from west and east, All God's chil - dren be
Last will be first and first will be last; no one is held by the

6



great - est and least. Here all are wel - come, none turned a - way:
one at the feast; Peo - ple will come from north and south,
weight of the past. All is for - giv - en, all is _____ blest

9



Come, take your place at the ban - quet. ban - quet.

12



Come, take your place at the ban - quet.

P PRAYER

The community is seated

L FIRST READING

see insert

Following the reading:

L Stories of the early church.

May God help us to be as faithful as they were.

Please rise, in body or spirit

GOSPEL SONG

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

L GOSPEL

see insert

Following the reading:

- L Stories that invite us into the promise of the third day.
Stories that draw us into life.

HYMN OF THE DAY

see insert

The community is seated

SERMON

L AFFIRMATION OF IDENTITY

[the Identity Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church]

- L We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.
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Please rise in body or spirit

L PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition,

L Risen one,

Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L May the peace of living Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The community is seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

see insert

Please rise in body or spirit

COMMUNION DIALOG

P God is with you and within you.
God is shining through you.

Let your hearts be glad.
We offer them with joy.

Let your hearts be grateful.
We offer them with thanks.



The Words of Institution

Martin Morley

Cantor: For I re-ceived from the Lord what I hand-ed un - to

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you: All: On the night when he was be-trayed, Jes - us took a loaf of bread.

11

He gave thanks for the bread. Then, lift-ing it up, he broke it and said:

16

"This is my bo - dy giv-en for you; take it and eat, to streng-then you. This do in re-

21

mem-brance of me." Cantor: In the same way he took the

25

cup, blessed the wine and raised it up: All: "This the new cov-e-nant be - tween us;

30

take it and drink, to streng-then you. This do in re-mem-brance of me."

35

Cantor: Do-ing this, we pro-claim Jes-us' life and death un -

til he comes a - gain. Presider: Let us pro-claim the mys-t'ry of our faith: All: Christ has died;

44

Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain. A — men. A — men. Al-le-

49

lu - ia, A - men.

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.

The community is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please join in singing the distribution songs*

A Place at the Table



1 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
5 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to
6 For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble, a



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a
vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with
voice to be heard, a part in the song, the
bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in
live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to
cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing place, a



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for
hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for
an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for
work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for
rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.
wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
young and for old, the right to be - long.
just and un - just, a new way to live.
ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.
gay and for straight, the chal - ice of grace.

Refrain

And God will de - light when
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, yes,
God will de - light when we are cre - a -
tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and
joy!



In the Bulb There is a Flower

unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our

seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
 time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -

prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
 past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,

Un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, Some - thing God a - lone can see.

Bring Forth the Kingdom



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the king - dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple: bring forth the king - dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the king - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or spirit

SENDING HYMN

Cantor/Choir
Go with God! Go with God! Go to be God in the world!

3 All
Ser-vants of God, we now de-part, liv-ing our lives as a sac-red art;
7
bles-sing the peo-ple on our way, ser-ving and giv-ing to all each day.

11 Cantor/Choir
Go with God! Go with God! Go to be God in the world!

13 All
Ears that will lis - ten, eyes that will see, hearts that are ten - der,
16
hands that are free; spir - its and minds now o - pen, in-deed.
19
Go, shar - ing God with a world in need.
21
Go, shar - ing God with a world in need. 24

CLOSING DIALOG

Lit: Within the heart of mercy we find wholeness and peace.

Here we bask in the warm glow of Easter dawn.

We are a community of people transformed by the promise of Easter.

We go into the world as Easter people, guided by the paths of those who have gone before, and creatively forging paths of our own. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP INSERT

May 14, 2023

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dan Senter

Dir. of Worship/Music: Martin Morley

Liturgist: Trudy Triner

Prelude

Canticle

Gilbert Martin

Scriptures

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

Hymn of the Day ELW 822
O Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Señor)

Special Music Bellissimo Handbells
Cantad al Señor
Brazilian folk tune, arr. Kevin McChesney

Postlude

Good News!

David Paxton

Our current Covid-19 guidelines make masking optional.

The Sound of Soul

Sunday, May 21st, 10:30 am
Main Hall

For those who enjoy the experience of meditation, this is a unique opportunity to be guided into a moment of stillness and reflection as two musical artists create a sonic space that blends together rhythm, tone, and vibration to facilitate a journey across the landscape of the soul.

See This Week for a link to pre-register for free tickets through Eventbrite.



Today we honor our High School Graduates:

Laura Bea, Brendan Connelly, Anna Friess, Isaac Jamgotchian, Bryce Maher, Quincy Miller, Riley Petrocco, Skylar Thomas

OSLC / CC Transition Task Force UPDATE:

As the council gets ready to launch the first gathering of this Task Force on May 16th, they are delighted to announce that the process will be guided by three very experienced and dedicated facilitators, Maridel Moulton, Ruth Hendrickson, and Trudy Triner. Each brings years and years of experience through their consulting work, managing human resources, and corporate training. Keep them all in your prayers as together with the Task Force, they begin the journey that will provide the whole congregation a way to participate in creating the way forward for OSLC and Creekside Commons.

Summer Intern Position Available

OSLC is looking to hire an intern for this coming summer who will clean up and streamline our various databases. The position will be part-time (20 hours/week) for 8 weeks from mid-June through mid-August and will be a paid position. The ideal candidate should be a currently-enrolled college student with a database and/or finance background whose family is affiliated with the OSLC community. Applicants are encouraged to apply by sending your resume to spirit@oslc.net (no phone calls please) by no later than May 31st.

Prayer Request

Prayers of healing for our janitor Gustavo Lopez as he recovers from open heart surgery.

Thank You, Worship Volunteers

We want to thank those volunteers who make Sunday mornings meaningful for us!

Big Thank You to: **Liturgists:** Laura Burbidge, Mark Fenske, Ed Miller, Dan Nelson, Trudy Triner, Mary Lou Till, Julie Veenstra; **Ushers:** Russ Rackow (head usher), Mark Speltz, Tom Hayman, Lauren and Liz Styles; **Greeters:** John and Maridel Moulton; Bob and Tammy Gaylord, Carolyn McGovern, Mark Speltz, Marie Speltz, Kari Speltz, Bob and Joan Stevenson, Mary Lou Till, Trudy Triner;

Communion Stewards: Carolyn McGovern, Tammy Gaylord, Dayme Fitzpatrick, Mary Lou Till, Jennifer Spahr, Craig Lingel;

Coffee Hosts: Julie Veenstra, Mark Fenske, Dayme Fitzpatrick, Mary Lou Till, Trudy Triner, Russ Rackow, Craig Lingel.

We also very much appreciate the **Choir and the Bellissimo Handbells.**

We can always use more volunteers in any of these roles (you may have noticed many of those listed are doing double duty!); if you can help, contact Martin Morley, martin@oslc.net.

Help Support Our Neighbors in Need

With food prices in the Bay Area higher than last year, more of our neighbors are turning to the Food Bank for help. Your gift will help provide the support they need.

Donate nutritious food without lifting a can! Your gift will be used to purchase and distribute the most-needed items. Every \$1 provides 2 meals.

Our Mission Outreach Team is asking for your donations to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to fill our "virtual food barrel." Check This Week for the link to donate through the Team OSLC account. Easy and green, and the Food Bank will use its purchasing power to make the best use of your gift.

Thank you!

Contra Costa Fruit Rescue

This year's Middle School retreat began with a visit to a huge tree in Walnut Creek that was full of lemons. The owner of the tree had registered it with Fruit Rescue as he was no longer able to harvest it on his own. Our teens showed up, and within an hour, managed to pull 200 pounds of fruit from the tree to be integrated into the food distribution hub at White Pony Express for delivery to those in need. If you have a tree you would like to register, see This Week for the link. If you would like alerts for upcoming harvests, follow Fruit Rescue on Eventbrite. If you would like to be a harvest leader in your neighborhood, email Pat. info@forestr.org A big shout out to our great harvest team!

Teen Update: What are you doing in the summer of 2024?

It may seem far off, but it is time to start planning for the next ELCA national youth (and young adult) gathering. It will take place in New Orleans in July 2024. Please let Sheryl know if you are interested (youth@oslc.net) <https://www.elca.org/youthgathering>



The poster is vibrant and colorful, featuring a rainbow background. At the top left is the Diablo View Rotary logo. At the top right is the Sustainable Contra Costa logo. The central text reads "70'S THEMED BINGO Night" with a peace symbol over the 'O' in BINGO and a smiley face over the 'I' in Night. Below the text are five circular icons containing the letters B, I, N, G, O. A green banner at the bottom contains the event details: "Get your boogie on with Diablo View Rotary and Sustainable Contra Costa! Featuring dinner, bingo with prizes, costume contest, raffles and a dance party! Proceeds to benefit local 501(c)(3) entities." At the bottom left, a blue box provides the event information: "When: Saturday May 20th, 2023", "Where: Creekside Commons, Lafayette, CA", "Time: 5:30pm - 9:00pm", and "Price: \$70 (\$60 until 3/31/23)". At the bottom right, a red box says "To purchase tickets, scan our QR code or visit us at: diablowviewrotary.org/bingo" and "For more information, email us at: bingonight@diablowviewrotary.org". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.