RISEN SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2026

WORSHIP TIMES
Traditional 8:00 am & 11:30 am
South Building

Contemporary 9:00 am & 10:30 am
North Building

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month, and every Sunday at 11:30 am

WELCOME TO RISEN SAVIOR

We're glad you're here! Our mission is to engage all generations to be passionate followers of our Risen Savior, Jesus. We've designed our worship service to highlight what God has done for us through His son, Jesus, and allow us an opportunity to respond with praise!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
Lutheran Service Book p. 803 vs. vs. 1-3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L In the presence of the only true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us admit our unworthiness and confess our sins to God.

C **Almighty God, forgive us for not trusting You to provide what we need to live in a world that experiences change on a daily basis. We have looked to the things of this world to secure our future. Give us Your reassuring Spirit that because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can live each day with the sure hope of Your love and presence in our lives. Help us not to be weighed down with the past, but to move forward to what lies ahead with Your promise to always be with us. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.)

L In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. May God keep us in His grace, lead us to greater faith and obedience, and bring us to live with Him forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"
Lutheran Service Book p. 548 vs. 1-3

THE GREETING

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, who have been rescued from everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *(8:00)*

"A Prayer For Our Time" *J. Martin*

Richard Gibson – Choir Director; Carla Robertson – Piano

Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today.
God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace.
When evil draws its angry sword
and seeks to sever freedom's cord,
When death and darkness shake our faith
in God's unfailing pow'r to save,
Eternal Father, ever be our courage in the time of need.
When war is waged by faceless foes
who battle peace with fiery blows,
When storms of hate and fear assail,
our Father's mighty arm prevails,
Eternal Father, ever be our refuge in the time of need.
There is no tyrant who can stand
against our sure Defender's hand.
No threat or danger can defeat the strong
and righteous Prince of Peace.
Eternal Father, ever be our fortress in the time of need. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *(11:30)*

"A Prayer For Our Time" *J. Martin*

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FIRST READING

Philippians 3:12–14

VERSE *Lutheran Service Book, p. 156*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13–35

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

Lutheran Service Book p. 476 vs. vs. 1-5

MESSAGE:

Don't Waste the Change: Step Forward with Joy

Pastor Kevin Austin

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L O Lord, we thank You for being with us in the past, for Your promise to be with us today, and for the certainty that You will be with us in the future. Through the past, present, and future You never change, thereby allowing us to honor what has been, see Your presence in what is, and by Your power step into what is next with joy. Receive this offering along with our thanks and praise for Your forever faithfulness and love.

C Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

"Because He Lives"

Celebration Hymnal p. 358 vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(At 8:00 service, please go to the Benediction)

THE PREFACE

(Please Stand)

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L It is truly good, right and salutary…

SANCTUS Lutheran Service Book p. 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins *(Matthew 26)*. We invite all baptized Christians, who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, desire forgiveness of their sins, and believe that the body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unsure of what you believe, or have questions, please speak to one of our Pastors.

Children who have not gone through instruction or confirmation may come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms so the server knows that you are not communing.

Grape juice is available in the center cups and is clear in color. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask your server.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI Lutheran Service Book, p.163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Lutheran Service Book p. 525 vs. 1-5

"Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng"
Lutheran Service Book p. 813 vs. 1-7

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"In Thee Is Gladness"
Lutheran Service Book p. 818 vs. 1-2

Don't Waste the Change: Step Forward with Joy

November 8th, 2026

Philippians 3:12–14 Luke 24:13–35

…sermon notes