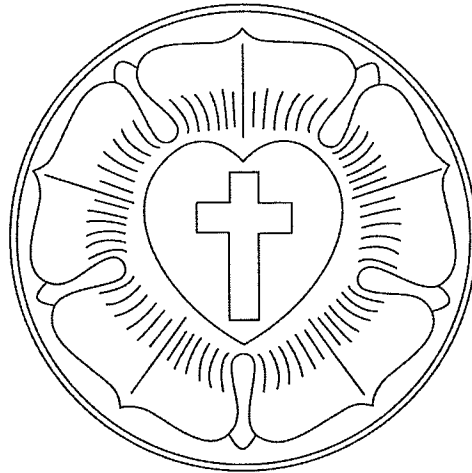


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."



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Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
10:00 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
- C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
- * Those who are able, are asked to stand.
- + A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Fugue on the Kyrie" Couperin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Chapel Bells at Dawn" Scott

THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments of God to His people:

You shall have no other gods.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Matt. 28:19, Ps. 103:2-3, John 20:22-23, Eph. 2:4-5)

LBW P. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

(John 20:22-23)

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LBW # 104

(Psalm 149:1-4)

(Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

LBW P. 57

(2 Cor. 13:13)

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

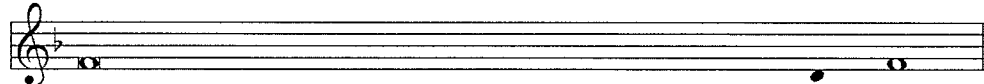
C **And also with you.**

* **THE KYRIE** (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30)

LBW P. 57



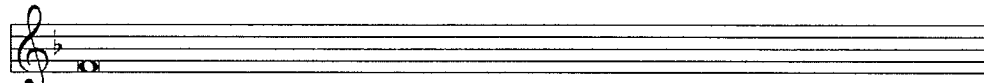
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



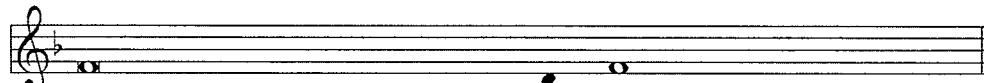
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



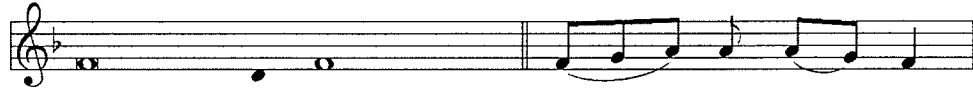
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

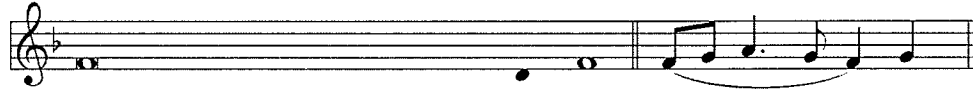


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be chanted. Congregation sings the refrain.

PSALM: Psalm 121

Melchior Vulpus
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN



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- ¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

Refrain

- ³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

Refrain

- ⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.

Refrain

- ⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Return to the Lord"

WOV P. 17



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."
³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?
¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.
¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
(ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LBW # 307**
(Green book)

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

LBW P. 65

(1 Cor. 15:1, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16)

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

LBW P. 65

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE ORGAN OFFERING

"Prelude in D Minor"

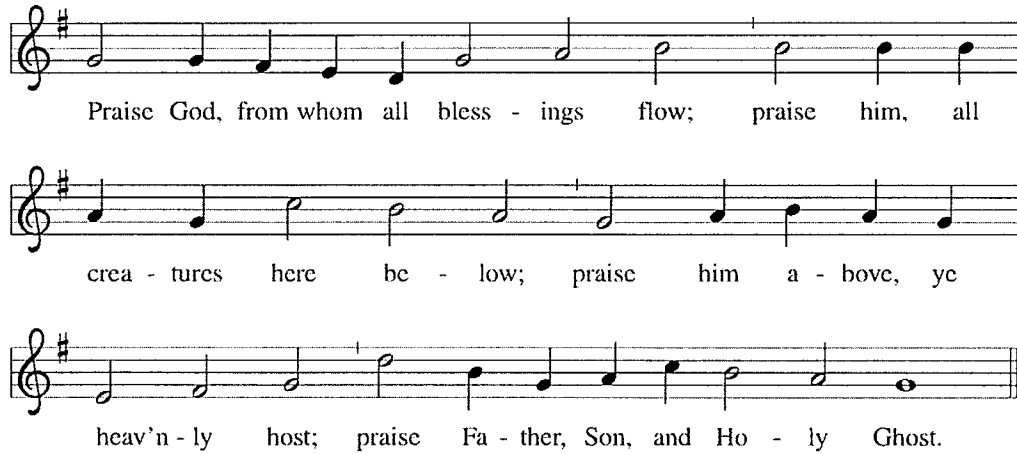
Handel

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

(offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary and narthex)

* **THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTII. Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

* **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 67

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 68

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* **THE PREFACE**
(Psalm 36:4)

LBW P. 68

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

LBW P. 69

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**
(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

LBW P. 69

P 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.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

(Matt. 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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

*** FRACTION**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Lamb of God"

LBW P. 72

(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (after the Communion Prelude)

"Blessed Assurance"

WOV # 699

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

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

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Lord, now you let your servant go"

LBW P. 93

☞ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

P Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P 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 (*Sing in a three fold Amen*)

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** "Lift High the Cross"

LBW # 377
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

LBW P. 74

(Luke 7:50)

P Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Elizabeth Matthews, Ted Maxwell, Diane Morris, Greta Stork, Paul Wechter, Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Bruder Family, Taylor Anderson (family of David Linn)

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

- Diapers, size 4, 5, 6
- Pull ups 2T/3T, 4T/5T
- Baby wash, wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Body wash
- Pads, regular

Ephrata Area Social Services needs for March. Place donations in box in the narthex.

- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent

The Women of Salem will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, March 14, at 12 noon.

We will meet in the party room at Udder Choice Restaurant, located at 1812 West Main St., Ephrata. Each lady will order from the menu, and be responsible for the cost. Why not join us for a pleasant and enjoyable time, in fellowship and relaxation. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. We need to have an accurate count by Sunday, March 12.

The Fellowship Committee is collecting small, plastic Easter eggs and individual pieces of candy used to stuff the eggs for Christian Education's Easter Fest Event on Saturday, April 8. Please consider donating plastic eggs and/or candy. A large basket will be in the lobby by the office to place any donations. Donations may be made through Sunday, April 2.

Greeter	Stephanie Frymyer and Lisa Borry
Acolyte	Noah Keller
Usher	Dennis and Laurel Kluck
Lector	Lisa or Sam Borry
Communion Assistant	Jim Kimmel
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
Clean up	Lisa Borry and Carol Landis

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
Mon.-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Church Council MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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