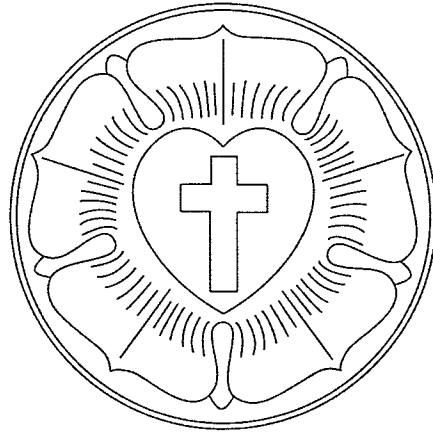


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major" Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Because He Lives" William Gaither
Salem Choir

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **LBW P. 77**

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.

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.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" **LBW # 369**
(Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **LBW P. 78**

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** **WOV P. 28**

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



① Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of



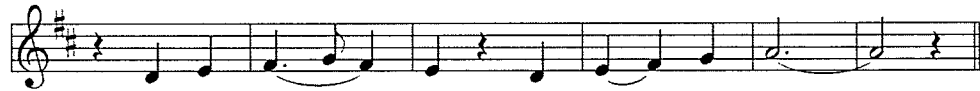
all cre - a - tion: ② Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



③ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



④ For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



⑤ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"
WOV # 671 Refrain

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14



“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?

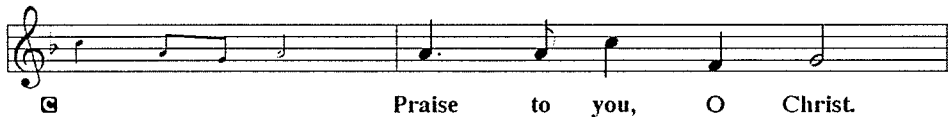
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY “You Are the Way”

LBW # 464
(Green book)

* THE NICENE CREED

LBW P. 64

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

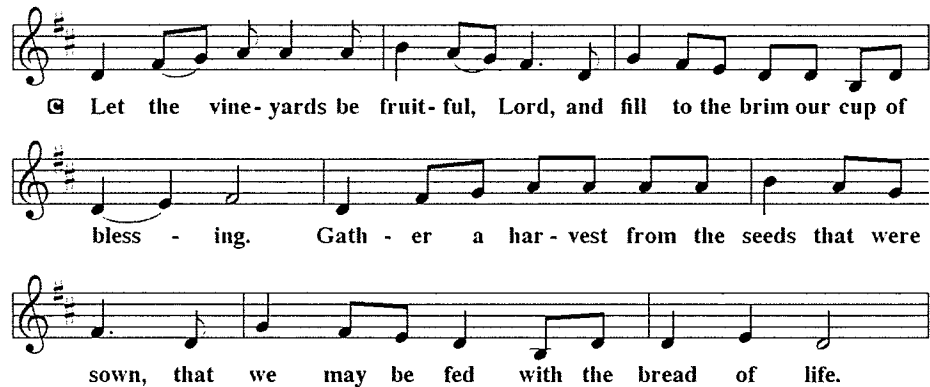
P Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Jesus Guide Me" Bach/Nordman

*** THE OFFERTORY** "Let the Vineyards" **WOV P. 35**



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

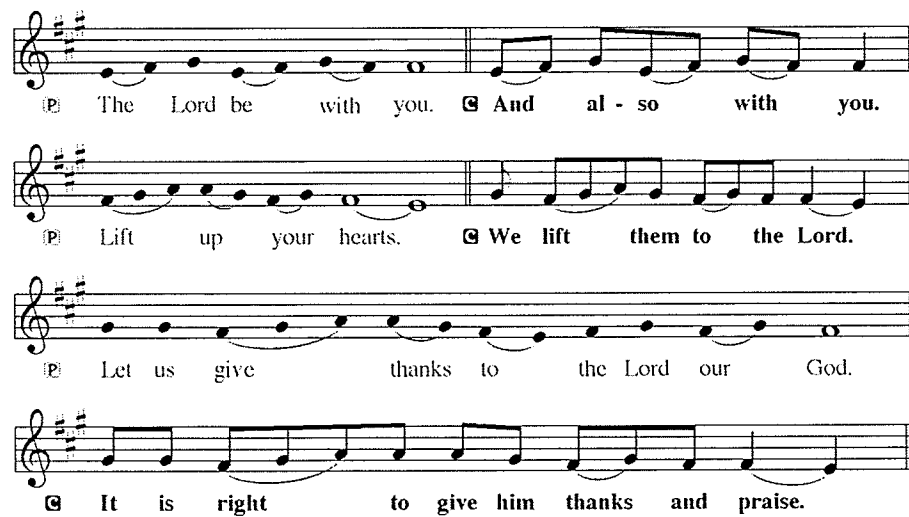
LBW P. 88

P Blessed are you,

C **O** Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 88



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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**

LBW P. 88

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

WOV P. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW P. 89

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 91

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

* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE "Lamb of God"

WOV P. 39



☩ 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 world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LBW # 225

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 92

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

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful hearts" WOVS P. 40**



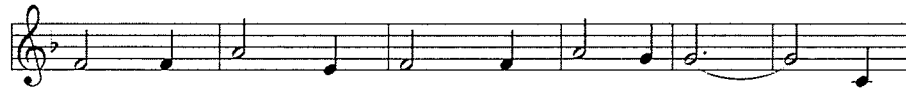
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 94

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** THE BENEDICTION**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen. Sing in a three fold form

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” **LBW # 559**
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

C Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*** POSTLUDE** “A Joyous Acclamation” Smith

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Betty Alexander, Diane Morris, Greta Stork, Mark Dahl (Faith Shiffer's father), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), Bruder Family

Help wanted for Communion set-up Sunday mornings. We want people to learn what is involved to help when Edie Sweigart is not available.
Contact Edie Sweigart, 717-733-0273, if you are willing to help.

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

- Diapers size 4, 5
- Pull-ups size 4T-5T
- Baby wash
- Sanitary napkins– regular

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a **bus trip to the Penn State area on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.** Included is a wine tasting at Mount Nittany Winery, a buffet lunch at the Penn Stater, a guided driving tour of the campus with a stop at the All Sports Museum and ice cream at the Famous Berkey Creamery. Cost is \$142. per person. Reservations are due May 19, 2023. Reservations forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. Contact Stephanie Frymyer for more information.

Special Appeal for Painting Project

At the April Church Council meeting, members voted to accept a proposal from the Interior Renovations Committee and Building Oversight Committee to have the walls of the main entrance foyer and hallways painted at a cost of \$835.00 from DLM Painting.

We are asking to fund this project by special appeal. If you would like to contribute to the project, please put your donation in an envelope, place it in with the offering and mark on the envelope "painting project". The project will start after the completion of the 2022/2023 pre-school year.

Volunteer at MCC May 17, 1-3 PM

The social ministry committee will be once again volunteering at MCC, on Trout Run Road, the third Wednesday of every month. We would love having members of the congregation join us. For more information or to let us know you'll be attending, please call or text Carol Landis at 717-606-6797

For the month of May, as our outreach to the Community, our committee has chosen to focus on the needs of City Gate, Ephrata through prayer and donations. We ask you to keep City Gate in your prayers and if you can help through donations, the list of items they are in need of this month:

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Plastic spoons and forks
- Paper plates and bowls (NO Styrofoam)
- K cups, including decaf
- Sandwich and gallon size ziplock bags
- Individually wrapped snacks—ex. Granola bars, cookies, Little Debbie, etc. (no chips)

Ascension Day service Thursday, May 18, 7 PM.

Social Ministry will meet Monday, May 8 at 1 PM in Room 6.

Bible classes meet Sunday at 9 AM in the chapel

7 May The Biblical Basis for Confession and Absolution Continued

14 May Ascension Day Lessons and Interpretation

21 May Pentecost Day Lessons and Interpretation

28 May No Class

4 June Holy Trinity Sunday Lessons

11 June Who is St. Barnabas, Apostle?

18 June Fathers in the Bible with Faith Shiffer

25 June Psalm 91 with Pastor Dan Jorgenson

Geraniums for Pentecost



Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Geraniums @ \$1.20 \$_____

If you would like to donate a geranium to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost, please fill out this form by Sunday, April 30. The cost is \$1.20 per plant. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

They will be planted in the church flower beds after Pentecost.

Greeter	Mark and Connie Ditzler
Usher	Faith Shiffer
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Jim Kimmel
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Miriam Moore and Lois Beck

Sunday	8:30 AM	Choir rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
Monday-Friday		Preschool
Monday	1:00 PM	Social Ministry
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Worship Committee MP
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Committee Rm. 6
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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