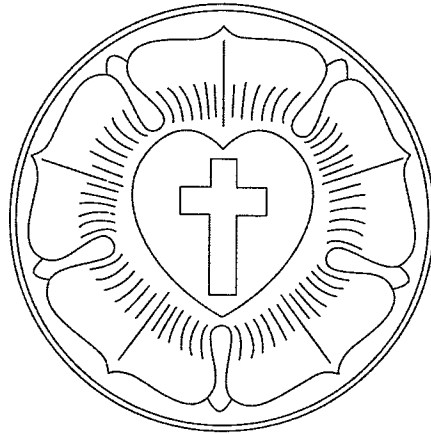


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
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 "Fanfare for Easter" Balcombe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "St. Columba" arr. by Gervais

*** 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.

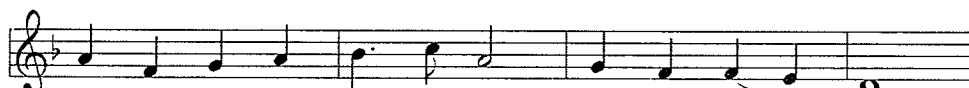
* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" see insert

* **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.

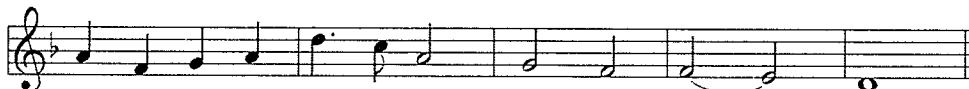
* **THE KYRIE** **WOV P. 28**



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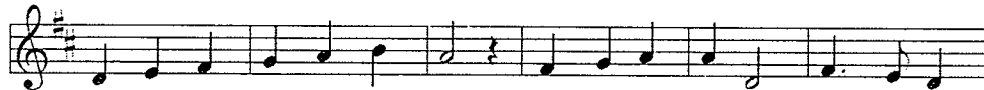
Ⓒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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.



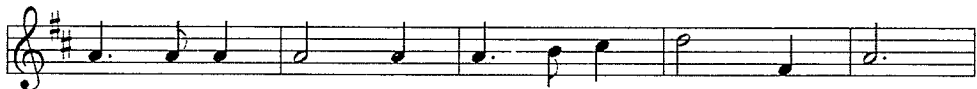
① Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of



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.



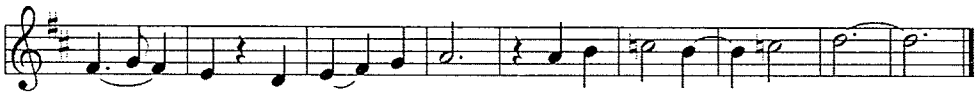
① For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



③ 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

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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 4:5-12

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read in unison

PSALM: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**

**⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

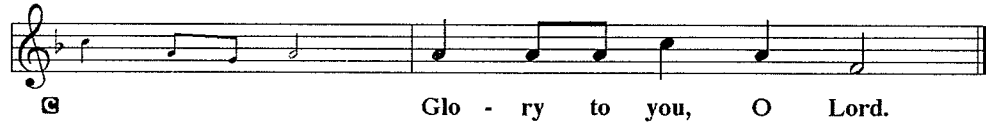
C Thanks be to God.

*** 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.

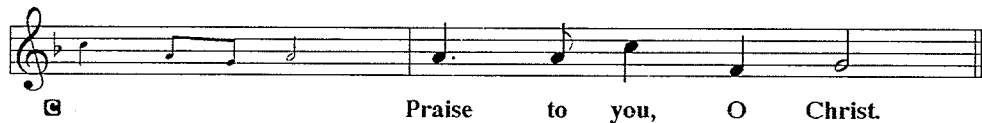
*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18



¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" **LBW # 456**
(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

* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "The Day of Resurrection"

Burkhardt

* THE OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

WOV P. 35



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 HOLY COMMUNION

LBW P. 88

Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al - so with you.

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. Ⓑ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ⓑ 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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff includes a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The final staff concludes with a double bar line.

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.

* 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" WO V 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** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" **LBW # 352**
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

C Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*** POSTLUDE** "Resurrection Morn" Balcombe

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Joyce Doster, Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, David Linn, Diane Morris, Ruth Winters, Todd Becker (friend of Mark Ditzler), Sylvia Fries (Amy Wilson's aunt), Jennifer Kuhfeldt (Laurel Kluck's niece), Mark Lerchen (friend of the Ditzlers), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother)

Building Oversight Committee will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 7 PM in the multi-purpose room.

Managing Motherhood

Items needed this month:

- Diapers, size 4, 6
- Pull ups 4T/5T
- Deodorant
- Sanitary napkins, super
- Tampons, regular

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) April needs:

- Condiments (ketchup, mustard)
- Bath soap (bars)
- Laundry detergent (small containers)
- Dish soap

Collection box is located in the basket in east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

Bridge Youth Center Meals

Salem will be preparing meals and a lesson for the Bridge Youth Center on Tuesday, April 23rd and Tuesday, May 28th. The group will be boys and girls in grades 7-12. Help is needed to purchase items, make food and volunteer as servers the evening of each event. A sign-up sheet for the meal on April 23rd is in the Narthex. Please contact Dina Keller at 717-989-4609 with questions. Thanks!

Germany Trip 2025 Meeting

We will have our second Germany Trip 2025 informational meeting after church on Sunday 28 April 2024 in the Multi-Purpose Room. This meeting will focus on questions. If you missed the first meeting this is another opportunity to learn about the trip and get those details.

The Fellowship Committee will have a “Plant Exchange” on Sunday, May 19 following the worship service. You may bring house plants, herbs, perennials, annuals or vegetables. You may bring more than one plant for the exchange, and it will be helpful if you attach a small note giving information on the plant. Contact Joanne Stahl with any questions.

Praying the Small Catechism

Do you struggle with daily prayer? Not sure what to say or how to say it? Do you need encouragement to pray? Would you like to explore resources for deepening your prayer life? Join us as we look at how the Small Catechism may be used as a prayer book. We will also briefly look at any upcoming commemorations during the week. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room Sundays at 9:00 AM and will conclude by 9:45 AM. Coffee and tea are available.

Sunday 5 May Why Prayer? A Biblical exploration of prayer
Sunday 12 May A Tour of the Small Catechism as a Prayer Book
Sunday 19 May When to pray? How time affects our prayer life
Sunday 26 May Break
Sunday 2 June Commandments, Self Examination and Prayer
Sunday 9 June Creed, Gospel and Prayer
Sunday 16 June The Lord's Prayer-Praying against ourselves
Sunday 23 June Break
Sunday 30 June Sacraments and Prayer
Sunday 7 July Break
Sunday 14 July Prayer Offices: Morning, Mealtimes, Evening Prayers

Geraniums for Pentecost



Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Geraniums @ \$2.50 \$ _____

If you would like to donate a geranium to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost, please fill out this form by April 28. The cost is \$2.50 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	Charlie and Ruth Winters
Usher	John Keller
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant	Peter Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Edie Sweigart
	Betty Zimmerman

Sunday		Pipeline articles due
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Preschool Open House
	7:00 PM	Building Oversight Committee MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6

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