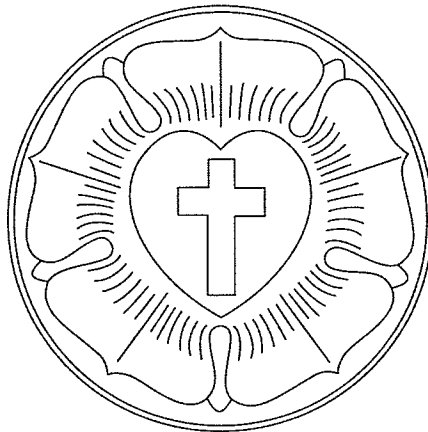


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## 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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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 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** "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte/Deis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Ave Maria" Schubert

Steve Shiffer, trombone

\* **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** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **LBW # 315**  
(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.



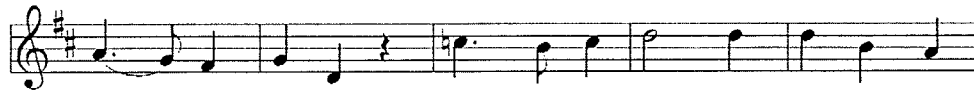
☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



(I) Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: (II) Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



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



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



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



(I) For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



(C) 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, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; 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 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for "In him we live and move and have our being";

as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (ESV)

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20**

- <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.
- <sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- <sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows?**
- <sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- <sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put

to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

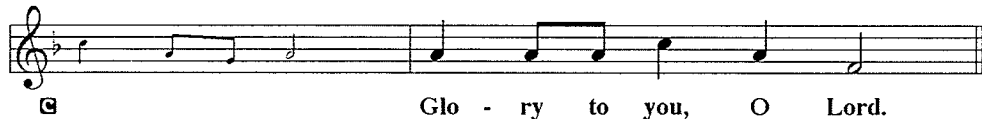
C **Thanks be to God.**

\* **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 14:15-21**



<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." (ESV)









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**

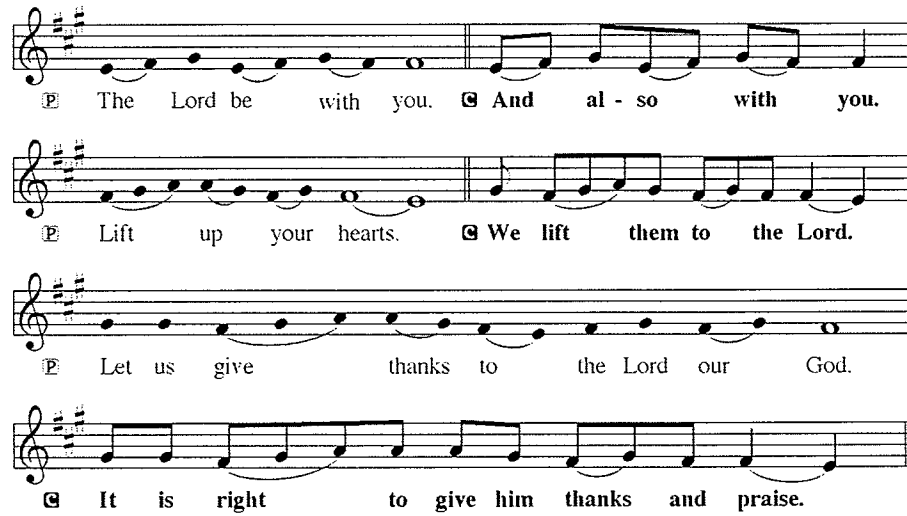
**LBW P. 88**

**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. **☩** And al - so with you.  
**ℙ** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.  
**ℙ** 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 is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

**\* 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.*

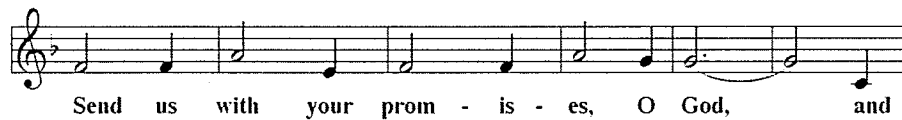
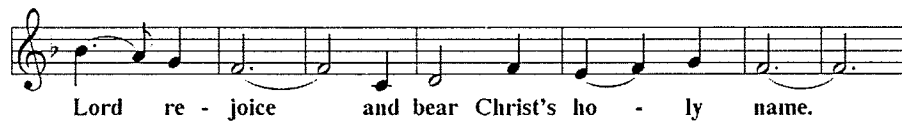
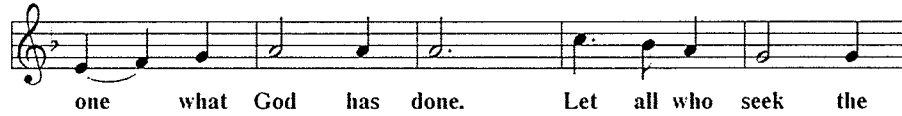
**\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**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" WOV P. 40**



**\* 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** “Now Thank We All Our God”

**LBW # 534**  
(Green book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

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

**C Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\* POSTLUDE**

“Sing to the Lord”

Smith

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**We are sending invitation cards to you in the hope that it will assist you in the task of sharing the Gospel and inviting others to our church. The letter with the cards is on the table in the lobby outside the office. Please pick up your letter to save the cost of mailing it to you.**

**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

**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.**

**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

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.

## **“Thinking of You” Card Shower**

We will be having a “Thinking of You” card shower the month of June for our members who are unable to worship with us.

This will begin on June 4 and end Sunday, June 25.

A table will be set up in the lobby with bags for the cards.

Please do not seal the envelopes as this is difficult for some of our members to open.

For more information, or if you are able to help deliver the cards, please contact Carol Landis, 717-606-6797.

Betty Alexander

Pat Dagen

Joyce Doster

Cleo Frymyer

Gwen Lehman

Helen Lutz

Jean Miller

Diane Morris

Norine Myer

Lynn Plantholt

Ruth Rudy

Joyce Seiverling

Greta Stork

Mary Jane Wechter

Greeter	Charlie and Ruth Winters
Usher	Steve Shiffer
Acolyte	Sebastien Francois
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Jerry Ulrich
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Miriam Moore and Lois Beck

Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School
Monday-Friday		Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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