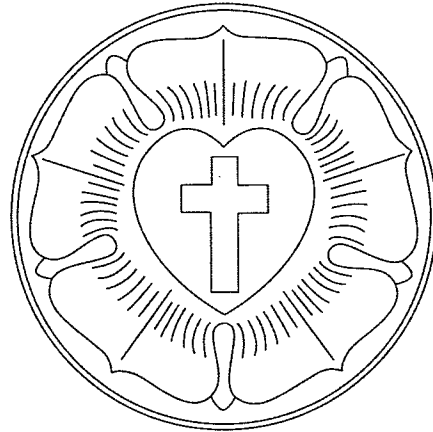


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 of Easter
April 7, 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 "Easter Chimes" Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Alleluia" Perry
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 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

LBW # 131
(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.



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



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



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



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



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



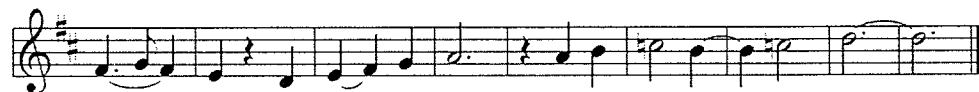
I
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



☑ 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

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1—2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

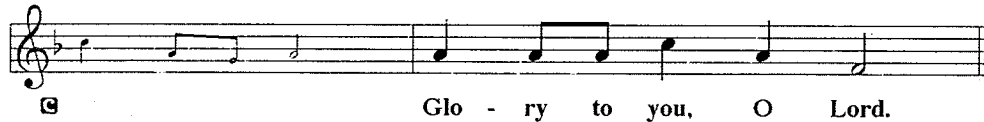
C **Thanks be to God.**

* **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 20:19-31



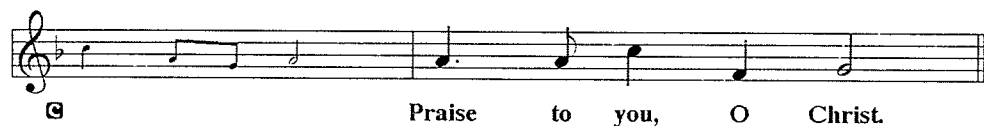
¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" **WOV # 675**
(Blue 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 Quiet Garden"

Martin

* 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

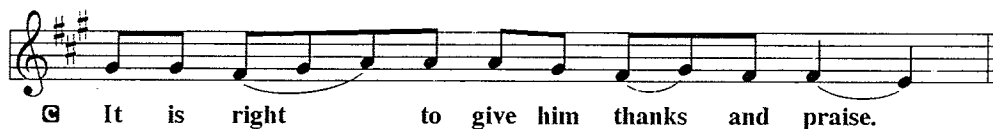
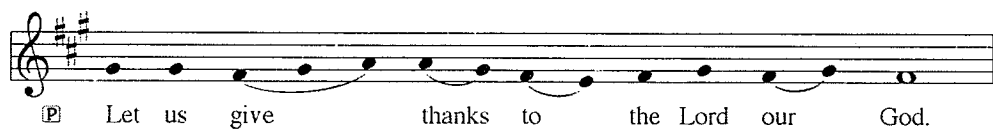
LBW P. 88

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 HOLY COMMUNION

LBW P. 88



*** 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

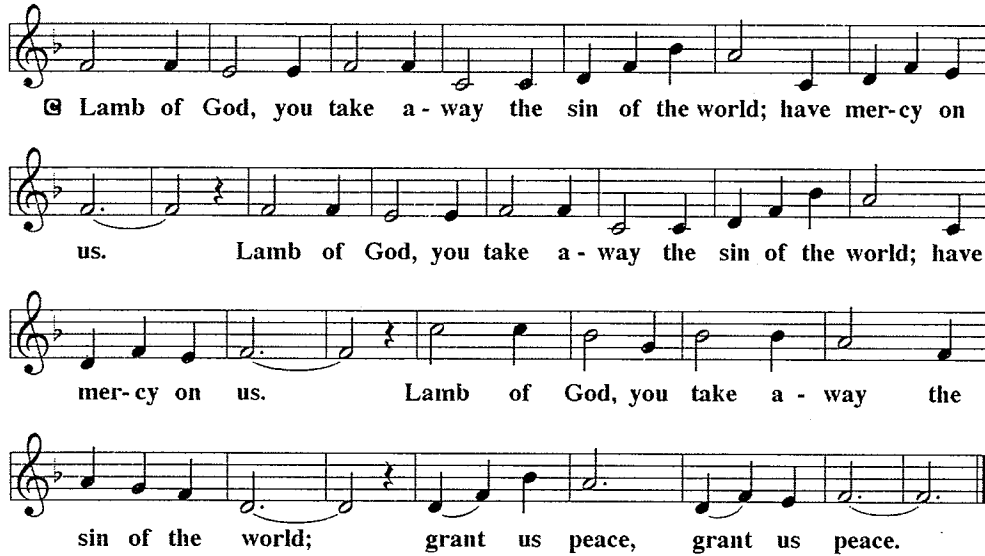
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"
"Taste and See"

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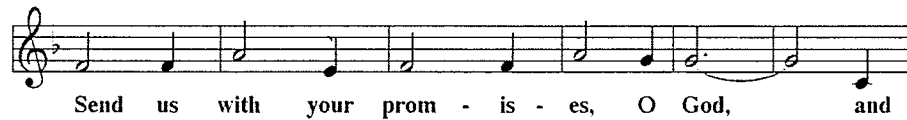
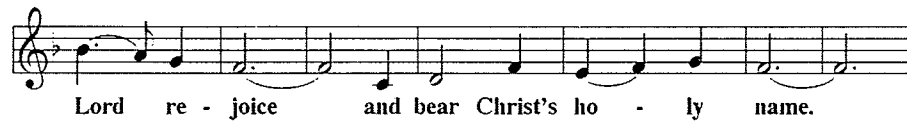
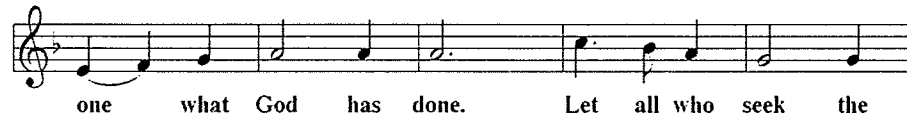
* THE COMMUNION BLESSING

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** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

LBW # 128
(Green book)

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION** "The Lord Bless You"
Salem Choir

Peter Lutkin

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

C Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*** POSTLUDE** "Song of Triumph"

Denton

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Joyce Doster, Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, David Linn, Diane Morris, Todd Becker (friend of Mark Ditzler), Jennifer Kuhfeldt (Laurel Kluck's niece), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), family and friends of Dale Stahl

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.

New Church Directories are available in the church lobby. Get yours today. \$11 for one, \$20 for two and donate one to a shut in.

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!

Holy Trinity's Three Score and Ten Banquet is today at noon.

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	Stephanie Frymyer and Lisa Borry
Usher	Stephen Shiffer
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Deb Hansell
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Edie Sweigart
	Betty Zimmerman

Sunday	8:30 AM	Choir rehearsal
	11:15 AM	Fellowship time
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fellowship Committee Rm. 6
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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