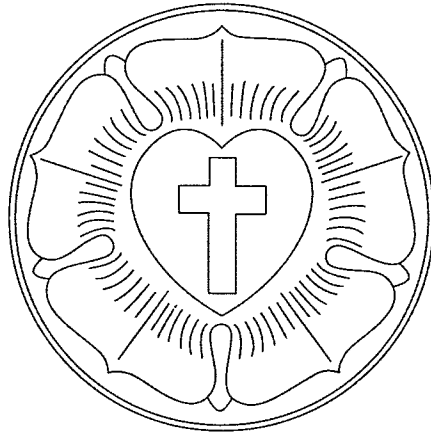


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Markworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "River in Judea" arr. John Leavitt
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** "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" **LBW # 132**
(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.



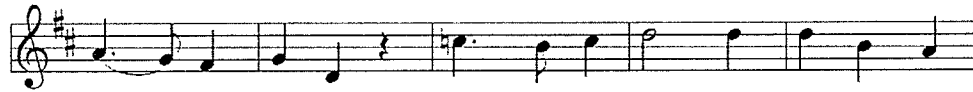
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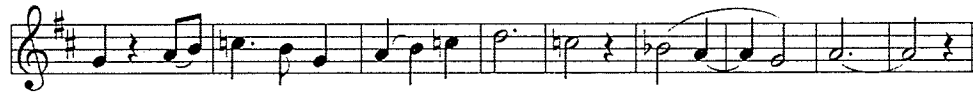
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



① Sing with all the peo-ple 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.



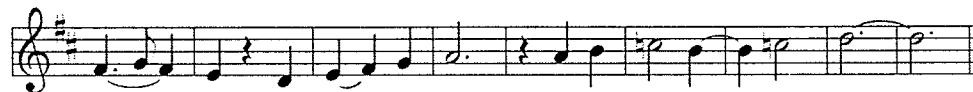
④ For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



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, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
Salem Choir

Whelpton

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 4

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. (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: Luke 24:36b-48



³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

LBW # 135
(Green book)
LBW P. 64

* **THE NICENE CREED**

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 "Chorale Prelude on 'We Walk by Faith'" Powell

* 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**

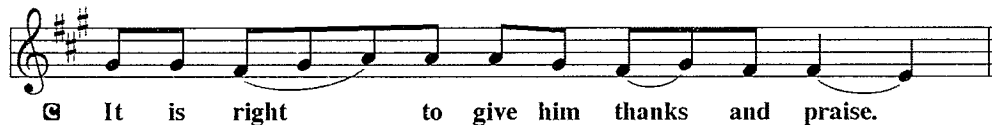
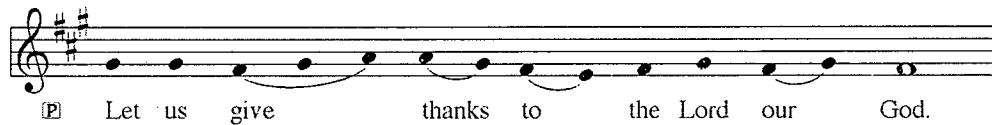
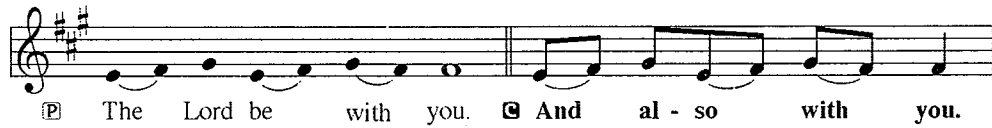
LBW P. 88

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

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

LBW # 225

LBW # 197

* THE COMMUNION BLESSING

LBW P. 92

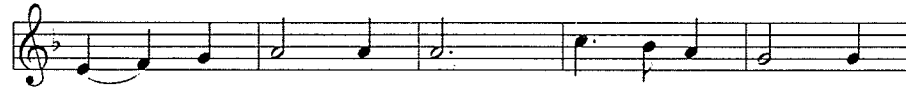
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

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



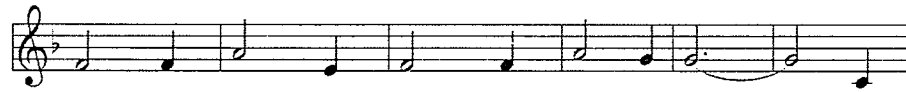
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



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** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

WOV # 674

(Blue book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

C Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*** POSTLUDE** "Risen to Victory"

Birchwood

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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), 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 and Racheal Precise

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!

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: _____

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_____ 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	Mark and Connie Ditzler
Usher	Nathan Hansell
Acolyte	Noah Keller
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Dennis Kluck
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Edie Sweigart
	Betty Zimmerman

Sunday	8:30 AM	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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