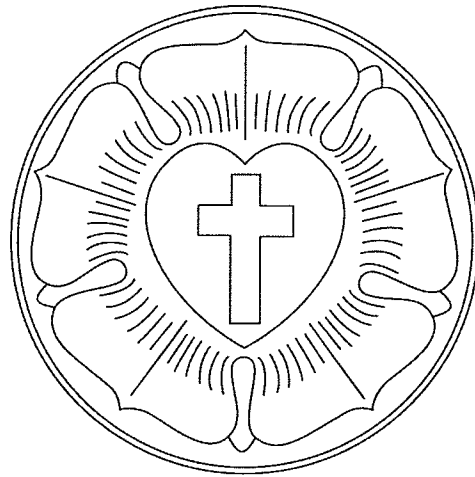


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## 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 in Lent**  
**March 20, 2022**  
**9:30 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)

## GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

**THE FIRST PRELUDE** "Prelude in C Minor" Bach/Smith

### FIVE MINUTES OF CATECHISM

#### First

#### What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

#### Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Bethany" Southbridge

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** LBW P. 56

(Matt. 28:19, Ps. 103:2-3, John 20:22-23, Eph. 2:4-5)

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. (1 John 1:8-9)

*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.**

(John 20:22-23)

\* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
(Psalm 149:1-4)

**LBW # 107**  
(Green book)

\* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**  
(2 Cor. 13:13)

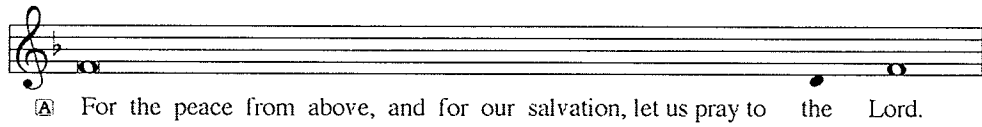
**LBW P. 57**

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.**



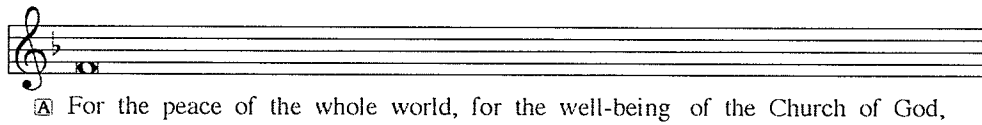
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



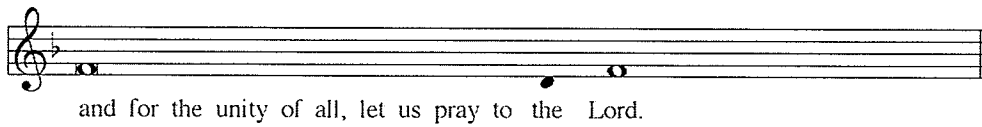
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



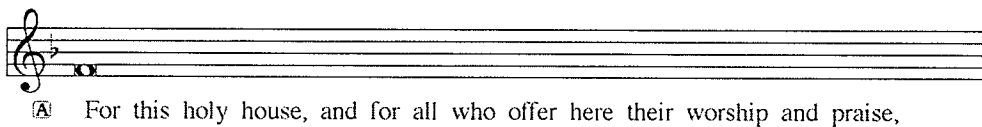
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



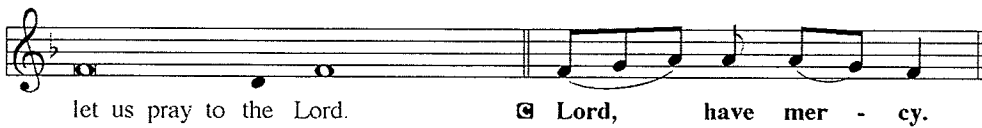
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



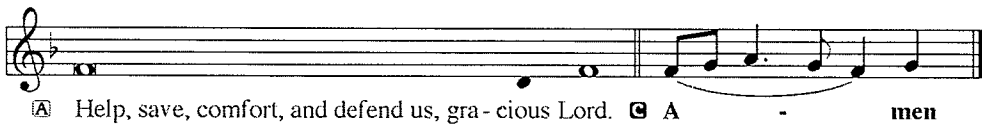
Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.    Ⓞ A - men

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**THE WORD**

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9**

“Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,<sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.<sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,<sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.<sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Return to the Lord"

**WOV P. 17**



☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\* GOSPEL**

**P THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup> And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" (ESV)

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ the Same"**

**WOV # 778**  
(Blue book)

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(1 Cor. 15:1, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16)

**LBW P. 64**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**



**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

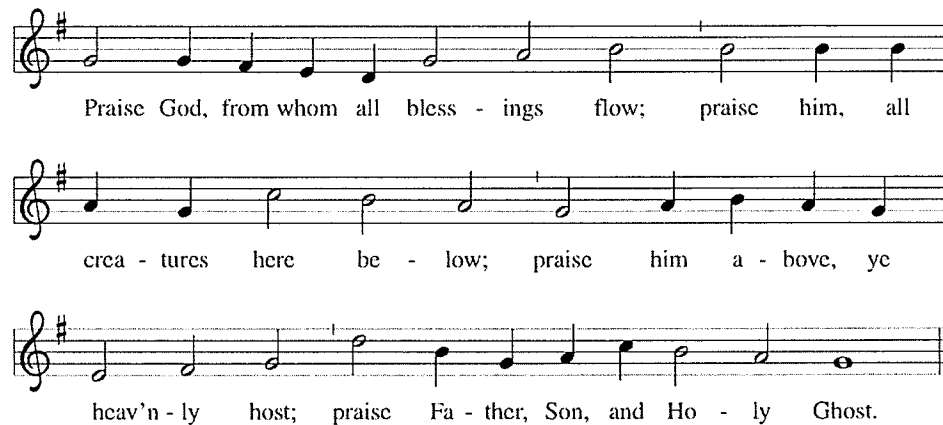
**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**  
(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)  
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

**LBW P. 65**

**THE OFFERING**  
(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

**\* THE OFFERTORY** "Doxology"



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTII, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LBW P. 67**

P Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LBW P. 68**

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also 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. 68**

(Psalm 36:4)

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

LBW P. 69

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.  
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.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW P. 69

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

P 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.

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW P. 71**

(Matt. 6:9-13)

**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**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

**\* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Lamb of God"

**LBW P. 72**

(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



☐ 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.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

*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. 72

(John 6:53-54)

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

C Amen

### \* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Lord, now you let your servant go" LBW P. 93



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LBW P. 74**

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

**P** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**LBW P. 74**

(Numbers 6:23-27)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen** (*Sing in a three fold Amen*)

**\* THE CLOSING HYMN** "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

**LBW # 234**  
(Green book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

**LBW P. 74**

(Luke 7:50)

**P** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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Divine services will be held at Salem on Sunday at 9:30 AM and Thursday at 7 PM.

Teleconference service will be held Sunday at 11:45 AM. Conference number is 717-510-9819, when you get an answer, enter the conference code 820676.

**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Betty Alexander, Jerry Fleischmann, Diane Morris, Lynn Plantholt, Chris Barton, Harriot (Phil Kauffman's mother-in-law), Joe Sickler (friend of Charlie and Ruth Winters), Pastor Keith MacDougall (Liberty Baptist Church, Ephrata), family and friends of Dee Dreer, Carmen Reddig

**Living Lutheran magazine** Use the 2022 offering envelope for The Lutheran by March 27 if you want to continue or start your subscription to Living Lutheran. Changes to the list of subscribers will be made after March 27. The cost is \$10/year.

Salem Lutheran Preschool is now taking registrations for Fall 2022. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year olds. Call 717-733-6646 or email [office@salemephrata.org](mailto:office@salemephrata.org) for a tour or registration info.

***Fellowship Hour with Friends***

We would like to be able to have Fellowship Time following Worship the first Sunday of each month. For the months of May and June, the sign-up sheets will look different. It's really very simple! All you need to do is sign up for the item(s) you wish to bring and bring the item(s) to church for Fellowship Time. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Borry or any member of the Fellowship Committee.

Communion Assistant is needed for Holy Thursday, April 14, at 7 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

A lector is needed for the Good Friday service on 15 April 2022 at 7PM. Please sign up on the assistant sign up list in the narthex. The lessons will be given to you in advance. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor.

Bible Study of Romans on Sunday 20, 27 March 2022 after the Divine Service in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Usher	Jeff Metzger
Acolyte	Noah Keller
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care	Lisa Borry
	Sam Borry

Today	10:45 AM	Bible Study (MP)
		Pipeline Articles Due
Monday—Friday		Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Knitters/Crocheters (Rm. 7)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:30 AM	Pipeline Assembly (Rm. 6)

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