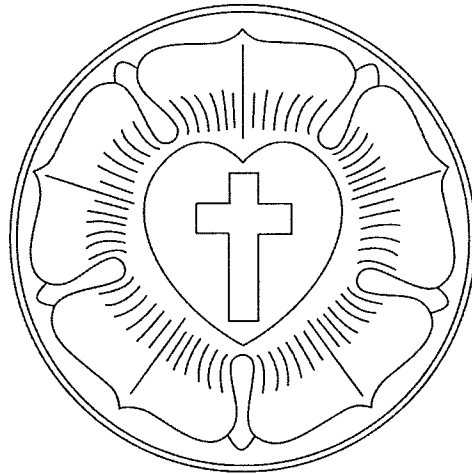


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 in Lent
March 10, 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)

GATHERING

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

THE FIRST PRELUDE "O Sacred Head" Pachelbel/Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" Wells

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments of God to His people:
You shall have no other gods.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

LBW P. 56

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

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 "Deep Were His Wounds"

LBW # 100

(Psalm 149:1-4)

(Green book)

* THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

LBW P. 57

(2 Cor. 13:13)

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 (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30)

LBW P. 57

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.

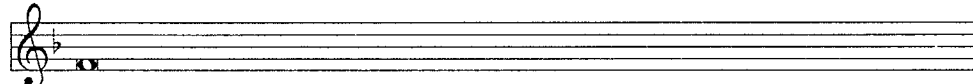
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

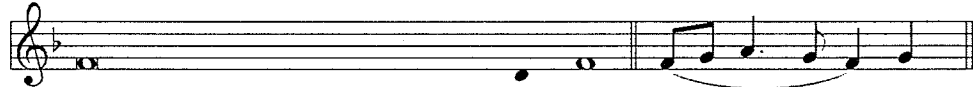


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** 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 mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that

he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *spoken responsively*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

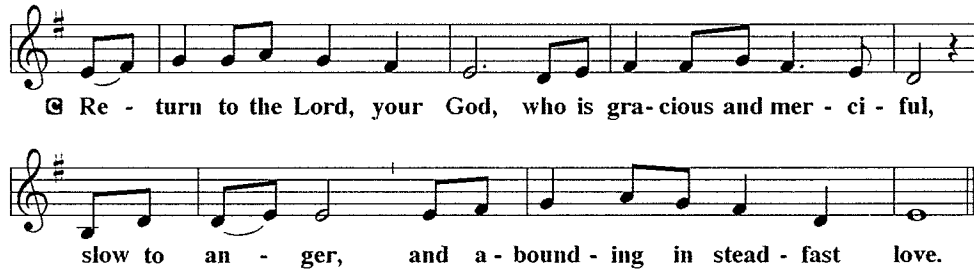
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (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: **John 3:14-21**

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

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." (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** “Amazing Grace”

LBW # 448
(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**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

LBW P. 65

(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.

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Hymn of Promise"

Sleeth/Carter

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

*** THE OFFERTORY** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

WOV # 732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
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*** 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 HOLY COMMUNION

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”

LBW P. 69

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)



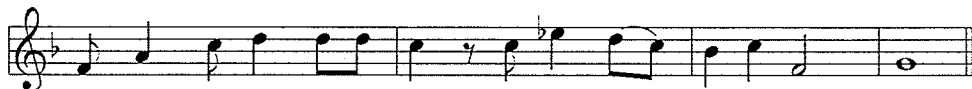
☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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)



C 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

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Grant Peace, We Pray”

Jim Kimmel, solo

*** 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** "Lift High the Cross"

LBW # 377
(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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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), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), family and friends of Pat Ressler (friend of Lorna Ravegum)

Condolences to Miriam Farlow on the death of her sister, Lillian Loggeman.

Ladies' Day Out on Tuesday, March 19, noon at Udder Choice Restaurant.

Each lady will order from the menu, and be responsible for the cost. Sign up in the narthex by March 17.

Managing Motherhood needs:

- Diapers, size 6
- Pull ups, 3T-4T, 4T-5%
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Sanitary napkins, regular and super

Salem Lutheran Church bus trip to historic Williamsport PA on Wednesday, May 15 including Clyde Peelings Reptiland, lunch at Genetti Hotel's Windows on 4th, guided drive down Millionaire's Row, narrated cruise on Hiawatha paddleboat and wine tasting at Four Friends Vineyard. Reservations are due April 3. Reservation forms can be found in the Pipeline and in the narthex or lobby. If you have questions, call Stephanie Frymyer 717-682-9697.

Salem Lutheran Preschool is now taking registrations for Fall 2024. 3 and 4 year old classes are available. To register or for more information, call or email the church office. 717-733-6646 office@salemephrata.org

Winter Spaghetti/Game Night

Save the Date! Saturday March 23, 2024 will be the first annual "Salem ELC Spaghetti and Game Night." Come for dinner 5:30 to 7:00 and then stay for fun and games (everyone should bring games to share and enjoy) till 9:00. Some ride sharing will be available for those who can't drive at night. Singles, families, couples, all welcome. This fellowship activity will be open to all members and you are encouraged to invite guests and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex: there will be no charge to anyone, but you must sign up.

Please call/text Rod Orth at 215-431-8437 or email me at rodorth@aol.com if you could help. Volunteers for cooking or serving are needed.

First Quarter Bible Study:

In an effort to connect with more folks for Bible Study we are going to try something new. Bible Study is moving to Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will gather online and study the Word together. A link to Zoom will be sent out each week. If you do not have a computer you can call in and listen and participate as well.

Wednesday 13 March 2024 Why do we do what we do in the Divine Service?

Part 4 7:00PM

Wednesday 20 March 2024 Why do we do what we do in the Divine Service?

Part 5 and conclusion 7:00 PM

Join us for Bible Study from the comfort of your own home. The Zoom Link has been sent via email. If you do not have a computer you can still join us by telephone at 7:00 PM.

The phone numbers are not toll free so you will be charged for the call if you don't have unlimited long distance calling (such as with your cell phone).

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Our new directories are in. The full color book includes a history of the church. The cost for each book is \$11.00. If you would like to donate a book to a shut in or homebound, buy two books for \$20.00. The sign up sheet and a copy of the new directory is on the table in the lobby. Deadline to sign up is Sunday 24 March. Cash and Checks may be placed in an envelope marked "Directory" in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

Lent Event 2024: The Journey to Easter

On Saturday 23 March, from 10-12:30, we will be conducting a Lent Event at Salem for ages 3-9. We have a leader confirmed for each activity but **WE REALLY NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

Eight volunteers (we have 2) to serve as “shepherds” leading small groups of children from activity to activity and assisting the craft and games leaders as needed. If you are age 10 to 110, please consider helping us for 2.5 hours at this Christian Education event!

Spreading the word to friends, family, and neighbors to register their 3-9 year-olds by 18 March. Registration (by calling the church office) is very important so we are prepared with enough food and craft materials!

To volunteer, please talk to Connie Kirby, Eddie Adams, Edie Sweigart, or Deb Hansell!

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24, 10 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 7 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 AM

Greeter	John Keller
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Dennis Kluck
Lector	Laurel Kluck
Communion Assistant	Jerry Ulrich
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
Clean up	Lisa Borry and Carol Landis

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
Monday	1:00 PM	Social Ministry Rm. 6
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Worship Committee MP
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Committee Rm. 6
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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