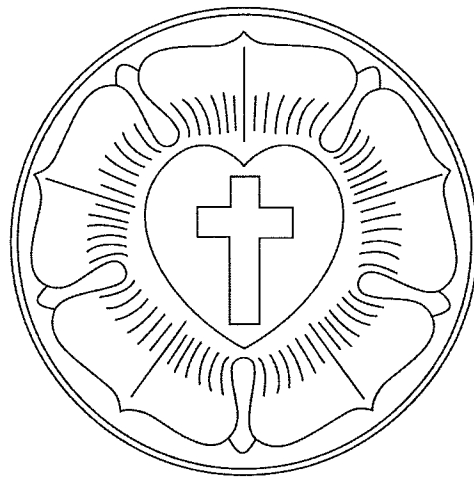


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 27, 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 "A Lenten Meditation" Rasley

FIVE MINUTES OF CATECHISM

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Chapel Bells at Dawn" Scott

* **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**

(Psalm 149:1-4)

“Amazing Grace”

LBW # 448

(Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

(2 Cor. 13:13)

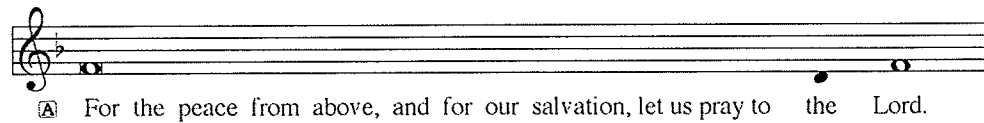
LBW P. 57

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.



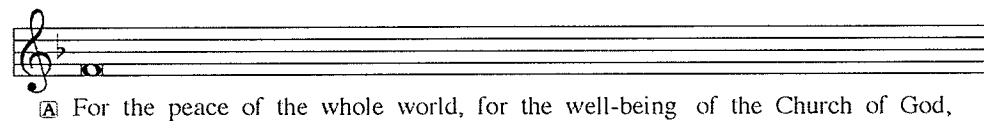
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



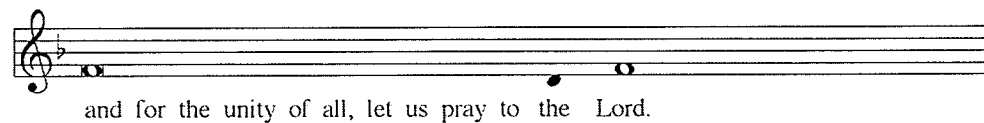
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



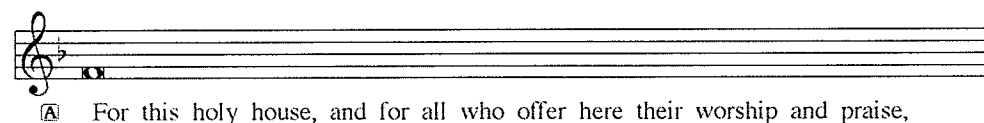
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



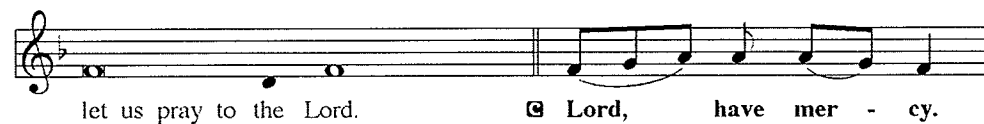
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



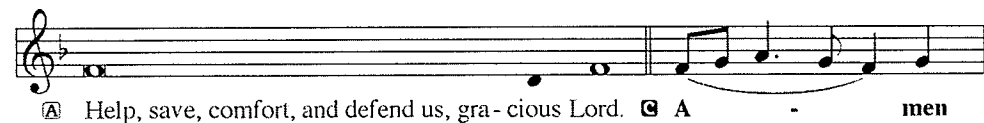
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** 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: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**



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 15:1-3, 11b-32

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons.¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and

celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" (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** "Our Father, We Have Wandered" **WOV # 733**
(Blue book)

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** **LBW P. 64**
(1 Cor. 15:1, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16)

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**

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 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 HUNDREDTH, 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

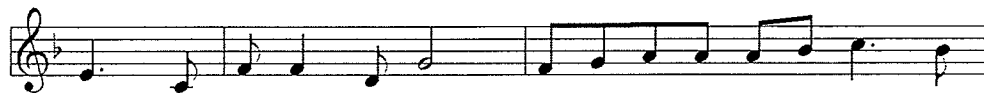
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



☩ 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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

WOV # 734
(Blue 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, David Liggett, Jeff Metzger, Diane Morris, Lynn Plantholt, Jerry Ulrich, Chris Barton, Harriot (Phil Kauffman's mother-in-law), Joe Sickler (friend of Charlie and Ruth Winters), Pastor Keith MacDougall (Liberty Baptist Church, Ephrata), Hershey Zimmerman, family and friends of Carmen Reddig

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.

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 27 March 2022 after the Divine Service in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Managing Motherhood: We helped over 20 families this month and our supplies are low. Items needed this month:

Diapers- newborn, 4, 6, Pull-ups- 2T-3T & 4T-5T

Baby wash, Shampoo & conditioner, Deodorant, Body wash

Sanitary napkins- light & regular

Re Uzit volunteers on April 19, 1-3 PM. Contact Miriam Moore by April 17 if you are willing to volunteer or want more information.

Usher	Perry Wechter
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care	Lisa Borry
	Sam Borry

Today	10:45 AM	Bible Study (MP)
	2:00 PM	Private rental (FH)
Monday—Friday		Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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