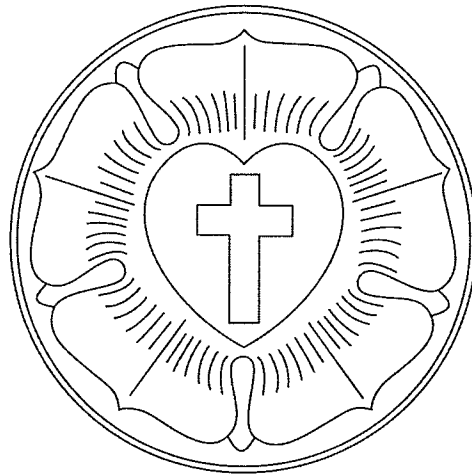


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

*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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**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 18, 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** "Fugue on the Kyrie" Couperin

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Chapel Bells at Dawn" Scott

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** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **LBW # 99**  
(Psalm 149:1-4) (Green book)

\* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **LBW P. 57**  
(2 Cor. 13:13)

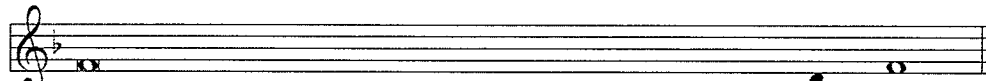
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**


\* **THE KYRIE** (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30) **LBW P. 57**



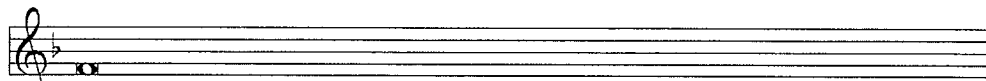
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



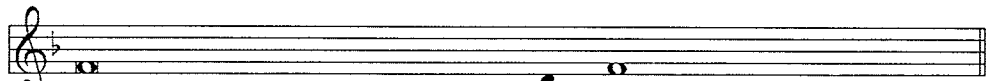
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



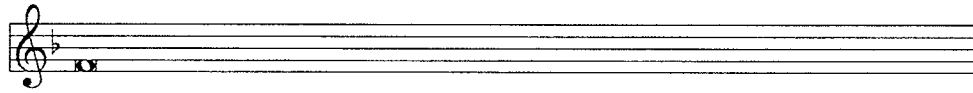
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



☩ 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

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and

never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”<sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 141 from Holden Evening Prayer**

Marty Haugen

Salem Choir

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

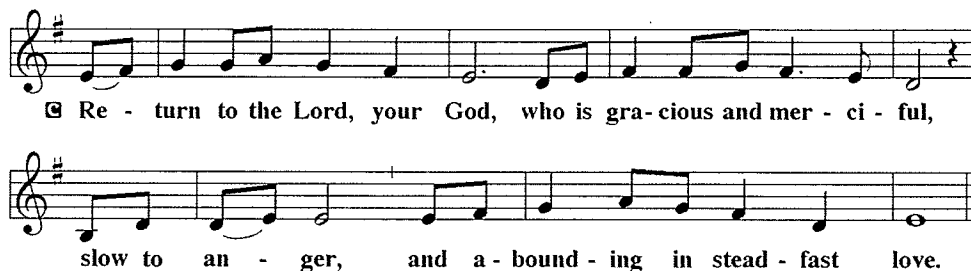
<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (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: Mark 1:9-15**

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

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (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** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**LBW # 230**

(Green book)

**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**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

**LBW P. 65**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**THE ORGAN OFFERTORY**

“Abiding Love”

Wells

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

**\* THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH. L. M.

LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510–61  
*Geneva Psalter, 1551*

*With great dignity*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

The first system of musical notation for 'Old Hundredth' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in G-clef (treble clef) and the lower staff is in C-clef (bass clef). Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords. The lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise' are written below the notes.

him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also consists of two staves in G-clef and C-clef with a key signature of one sharp and common time. The lyrics 'him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye' are written below the notes.

heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

*Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

**\* 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”  
(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**

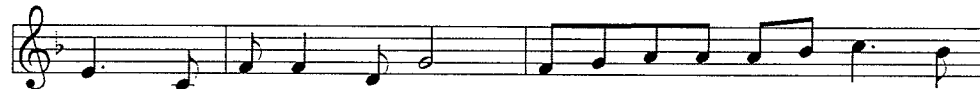
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



☞ 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WOV # 660

## \* 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** "Jesus, Still Lead On"

**LBW # 341**  
(Green book)

\* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter Lutkin  
Salem Choir

\* **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, 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), Millie Carlson (on the loss of her husband, Frank), family of Ruth Rudy

Salem’s Treasurer is asking for a church member to step forward to learn the bookkeeping practice of the Church. This request is not to take over the duties of the Treasurer, but to assist/fill-in when the Treasurer is absent. The duties can include making weekly bank deposits, signing of expense checks, preparation of bi-weekly payroll, and monthly/quarterly/annual reporting. If interested, please contact Dennis Kluck at church service, telephoning 717-330-5370, or email [dkluck@ptd.net](mailto:dkluck@ptd.net). Oh, by the way, pay and benefits are fantastic...gratitude means everything.

**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](mailto:rodorth@aol.com) if you could help. Volunteers for cooking or serving are needed.

Greeter	Mark and Connie Ditzler
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Usher	Chuck Rapp
Lector	Lisa Borry
Communion Assistant	Jim Kimmel
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
Clean up	Stephanie and Mike Frymyer

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
		Pipeline articles due
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6

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