



Salem Lutheran Church
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable or Facebook Live. If you are joining us on Facebook, please take a moment now to share a greeting in the comments so that we know you are worshipping with us today.

This morning we welcome Jeremy Murman at the piano and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

This morning as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, we celebrate the new hope resurrection brings into our lives. Every week as we worship, we seek new ways to love and serve God as we care for our neighbor.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *This is the Day*

**This is the day This is the day
That the Lord has made That the Lord has made
We will rejoice We will rejoice
And be glad in it And be glad in it**

**This is the day That the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day
This is the day
That the Lord has made**

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SONG OF PRAISE (You are my All in All
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name**

**You are my strength When I am weak
You are the treasure That I seek
You are my all in all**

**Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name**

**Taking my sin My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all**

**When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all**

**Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Worthy is your Name**

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SONG OF PRAISE (Shout to the Lord)

**My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You**

**Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name**

**I sing for joy At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You**

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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 READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God.
Though we do not yet know the full details of our future
existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God
revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be
called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason
the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has
not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is
lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away
sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him

sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Open the Eyes of my Heart,
chorus only*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art"

Bob Flittie

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of the Dance*

**I danced in the morning When the world was begun
And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had My birth**

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He**

**I danced for the scribe And the Pharisee
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow Me
I danced for the fishermen For James and John
They came with Me And the dance went on
Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He**

**And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He**

**I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me on high
And they left Me there On a Cross to die**

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He**

**I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance With the devil on your back
They buried My body And they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance And I still go on**

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He**

**They cut Me down And I leapt up high
I am the life That'll never never die
I'll live in you If you'll live in Me
I am the Lord Of the Dance said He**

**Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He**

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (*especially*). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us (*especially*). Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *I Will Bless Thee O Lord*

We bless Thee oh Lord

We bless Thee oh Lord

With a heart of thanksgiving

We bless Thee oh Lord

With our hands lifted up

And our mouths filled with praise

With a heart of thanksgiving

We bless Thee oh Lord

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

The body and blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Here is Bread (ELW 483)*

**Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here**

**In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here**

**Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here**

**In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here**

**Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified**

**In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here**

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG *Jesus We Celebrate Your Victory*

Jesus we celebrate Your victory

Jesus we revel in Your love

Jesus we rejoice You've set us free

Jesus Your death has brought us life

It was for freedom that Christ has set us free

No longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery

So we're rejoicing in God's victory

Our hearts responding to His love

Jesus we celebrate Your victory

Jesus we revel in Your love

Jesus we rejoice You've set us free

Jesus Your death has brought us life

His Spirit in us releases us from fear

The way to Him is open

With boldness we draw near

And in His presence our problems disappear

Our hearts responding to His love

Jesus we celebrate Your victory

Jesus we revel in Your love

Jesus we rejoice You've set us free

Jesus Your death has brought us life

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Serving Christ This Easter Sunday

April 18, 2021 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Sandy Terry

Lay Reader: Janet Kletke

Tech Team: Gene Schultz, Mark Remington, Don Durand

Choral Director: Rosie Parde

Music: Jeremy Murman

Lead Pastor: Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Prayer Requests: Helen Lannin, Mary Magstadt, DeAun Lucas, Todd Niemeier (Rosie Parde's nieces husband), Jo Sanders (sister to Bob Flittie), Scott Anderson (Lori Dunn's cousin's husband), Nelda Cambell (friend of Lori Dunn), Malee Zardo (Marilyn Ackerman's daughter)

Shut-Ins: Bruce Krueger, Diane Miller, Deb Minter, Virgene Muller, Bob Olsen

Military Personnel: Frank Hewett (Ann Carlson's grandson), Christopher Tank, Seth Osterloh, Ronald Schultz, Jodie Morgan, Patrick Cone, Austin Cone, Adam Morehouse, Patrick Godfrey, Dale Stahlecker Jr., Tony Andersen, Taylor Knipp (Wanda Kruger's granddaughter)

Ongoing Prayers: Salem's Intergenerational Education, Stephen Ministers, Living Grace Church (mission in west Omaha), St. Timothy Lutheran Church, those persecuted for their faith. All the people who have been affected by Covid-19.

Announcements

Drop off for food for The Table will be Wednesday, April 21st from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 5:00 pm-7:00pm.

Need volunteers to help bag the food on Friday, April 23rd at 4:00 pm.

For those in need drive thru to pick up food will be Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 am-10:00 am.