

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Building Faith by Praying for God's Guidance, Hearing God's Word,  
Sharing God's Grace, Serving God's Children*

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EASTER CELEBRATION

April 20, 2025

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***Altar Flowers*** are provided by members of the congregation. See the last page of this bulletin for the full listing. Many thanks to all who have donated.

***Welcome Visitors!*** Your presence is a blessing to us. Please pick up an information brochure, complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

***Parents with small children:*** We welcome you and your children to worship this morning. There are activity bags in the Narthex. The nursery is available (with speaker system) should you have need of it.

***Holy Communion*** is offered the first Sunday of each month; we practice open table fellowship: All baptized Christians who share our belief that Jesus Christ is truly present with his body and blood along with the bread and wine, are invited to participate. Register using the card in the back of the pews. You are welcome to join us by coming up front and receiving the host and wine during our communion service. We are also making available sealed and disposable packets containing wine and a wafer. If you choose to utilize these packets, please pick one up as you enter the sanctuary.

**P** Pastor      **A** Assisting minister      **C** Congregation      **L** Lector

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Prelude**

**Bell**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time**

## **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

*Please stand as the Paschal Candle is lit.*

**A** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**A** The light of Christ.                      **C**    **Thanks be to God.**

**A** Rejoice now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation, and for the victory of so great a king, sound the trumpet of salvation.

**C** **We are blessed this day when Christ arose again from death! The holiness of this day puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.**

**A** Therefore on this morn of grace, receive, O Holy God, the sacrifice of praise which your church lays before you in the solemn offering of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed.

**C** We therefore pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May the one who is the morning star find it burning - that morning star which never sets, that morning star which, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.

**A** And we pray, O Lord, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection, your whole Church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Light is taken from the Paschal candle to light the altar candles.*

**A** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

**C** The light which no darkness can overcome.

## WE PRAISE GOD

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Red Hymnal #365

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**A:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**A:** In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C:** Amen.

A: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

A: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

A: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

A: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

**Red Hymnal #361**

**Greeting**

A: 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

**A:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

Red Hymnal Page 151

*Please stand.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**Gospel**

**Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the

stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The Gospel of the Lord      C Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

**Tim Barrage**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**    *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*    **Red Hymnal #619**

**Nicene Creed**

A: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

## Prayers of the Church

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in  
prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**C** #752 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

A Prayers continue..., As we lift up our prayers,

**C** #752 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C** Amen.

### Peace

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### WE OFFER GOD OUR GIFTS

### Offering of Gifts

### Offertory

Amanda Herbert & Sandy Smith

*Please stand.*

**Offertory Response** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* **Red Hymnal #184**

### Offertory Prayer

P Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C** Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

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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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Hymnal Page 153

## Eucharistic Prayer

C: **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

A Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come**

**they 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

*Please be seated.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

**A** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*Please be seated.*

### **Distribution**

*Lamb of God* Red Hymnal Page 154

*Musical Selection*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**A** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C** Amen.

## **WE ARE BLESSED AND SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand.*

### **Blessing**

**A:** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with  
resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C:** Amen.

### **Sending Hymn**

*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

**Red Hymnal #366**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

**Sandy Smith**

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***THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**Sunday, April 20**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

- 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
- 5:00 p.m. – Zion Meal (serving meal at Zion)
- 5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

**Monday, April 21**

- 6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
- 7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

***NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**Sunday April 27**

- 2nd Sunday of Easter
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 12:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Avenue Worship

**Monday, April 28**

- 6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
- 7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study



**Pastoral Concerns** – Tim Barrage is available to the members of Salem in times of Pastoral concerns or emergencies. He can be reached at 330-465-5763.

**Nursing Home Worship:**

**May 11, 2:00 p.m.** Brookdale Senior Living, Wooster. Services are held on the second Sunday of the month.

**April 27, 2:00 p.m.** Avenue at Wooster Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

If you would be willing to help with these services, please contact Barbara Buchwalter @ 330-317-7906.

**Women of Faith** has a Facebook group called “Women of Salem.” If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler’s Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month, please let us know. <http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem>

**ELCA World Hunger** - All loose change in the offering plate will go toward this special social ministry project.

**Worship Lay Assistants Needed:** As we return to services in the sanctuary, we will need help in continuing our online as well as our in-house service. Consider being a part of this ministry. If you have never performed any of these duties before, we will be happy to show you the ropes. If you have a beautiful voice or are musically inclined, please let us know.



**Continuing Live Stream Services:** Our goal is to continue the livestream services. Please consider supporting this livestream ministry with a designated gift by marking “livestream” on your offering envelope. For us to be able to fully utilize this technology we continue to invest in additional tools and higher end cameras. This ministry is grateful for the support, consideration and generosity.

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