

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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5th Sunday of Lent

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In Our Prayers: Lois Phillips, Debra Sears, Sherri Hammil, Charlie Hammil, Trisha Hammil, Little Charlie Hammil, Paxton Galvin, Alyssa Snyder, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Kenny Wise, Sherri Snyder, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delefave, Chet Molzen, Marvin Hartman, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Jean Shoup, Family of Reed Hostetler, Family of Colter Kerfoot, Family of Terry Parker, Family of Laura Keys, Family of George Wise, Family of Betty Wise, Family of Randy Ross, Family of Don Fry.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

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. The elements were consecrated by Pastor Nathan earlier this week for this meal.

P Pastor A Assisting minister C Congregation L Lector

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Prelude

Bell

Call to Worship
Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of
God's abiding love.

A: Compassionate One,

C: **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our
lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We
do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to
us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you
grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have
set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of
the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of
the cross. Amen.**

A: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to
welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are
forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: **Amen.**

We Praise God

Gathering Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

Red Hymnal #522

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.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Come Let us Join

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Prayer of the Day

A: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

We are Turning

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Please stand.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Tim Barrage

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Take my Life, That I May Be

Red Hymnal #685

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 Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Prayers continue, God, in your mercy,

C: #616 Jesus, Remember Me
(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)

A Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)* **Red Hymnal Page206**

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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

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

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

A All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated.

Distribution

Lamb of God Red Hymnal Page 208

Musical Selection

Post-Communion Prayer

A Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Please stand.

Blessing

A God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn *As The Sun With Longer Journey* Red Hymnal #329

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sandy Smith

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Here is your chance to help Raise the Roof:

A roof is an expensive but necessary expense for our community of faith. While we are not a poor church by any metric, we do not want to spend down our investments to complete maintenance tasks. This means that we must be willing to think outside of the box on how we can raise the monies necessary for this project. Please prayerfully consider a gift to assist us with this most needed and faith focused investment for our future.

DO YOU HAVE A MANDATORY WITHDRAWAL FROM YOUR IRA OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT SCHEDULED IN THE COMING WEEKS? IF SO, CONSIDER MAKING A PORTION OF THAT WITHDRAWAL A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE. BY DOING SO, YOU WON'T TAKE THE HIT OF ADDITIONAL INCOME ON YOUR TAXES, AS THE GIFT WOULD BE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

WE WILL BE PASSING OUR PLEDGE CARDS IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT THEY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROOF CAMPAIGN. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$50,000. THIS WOULD COVER THE ROOF AND ANY EXCESS WOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO OUR FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM.

I _____ AM PLEDGING A TOTAL OF \$ _____ TOWARDS THE RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS OVER THE NEXT _____ MONTHS.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT OF \$ _____ TOWARD THE RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE. (PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN) (PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE)

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE # _____ TICKETS FOR THE ELECTRIC BIKE (#1) RAFFLE FOR \$50/TICKET. (PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN-TICKETS-1) (PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE) TICKET SALE ENDS 04/15/25

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE # _____ TICKETS FOR THE ELECTRIC BIKE (#2) RAFFLE FOR \$25/TICKET. (PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN-TICKETS-2) (PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE) TICKET SALE ENDS 04/15/25

THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 06

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

Monday, April 07

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Free Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Wednesday, April 09

7:00 p.m. Lenten Zoom Bible Study

NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday April 13

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Brookdale Worship

5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

Monday, April 14

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Free Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Friday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service



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:

April 13 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.

