



## SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### EASTER SUNDAY

**6:45 am Sunrise Service**

**10:30 am Worship**

**April 4, 2021**

#### **GATHERING**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can overcome.**

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and glorify you, Lord God, for Christ, our life, is risen. He has conquered sin and death, has broken the chains that bind us, and has freed us to live in his kingdom of light.

May Christ enlighten the hearts of all who believe. **May Christ be our light!**

May Christ transform this world that longs to see him. **May Christ be our light!**

May Christ heal the hearts of the poor and needy. **May Christ be our light!**

May Christ restore all creation to its rightful place. **May Christ be our light!**

Glory, praise, thanksgiving, and blessing to you, O God, victor over sin, death, and evil, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**

## **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. **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. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34-43**

The First Reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<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.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24** (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD: here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

The Second Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<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.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8**

The Gospel according to the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they

went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

### Hymn – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**CHILDRENS' SERMON**

**THE SERMON**

**MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel  
from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger  
than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this  
dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and  
honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Please remember **masks are required and we will be observing social distancing.** **Worship seating is available in the sanctuary and the basement,** with 2 larger family spaces for our families with young children in the upstairs Sunday School room. As you arrive, you will receive a bag with a bulletin, Communion elements and anything else that may be needed for the Service. Ushers will seat you to assure we observe social distancing.

**LAST SUNDAY'S VOTING RESULTS:** The 2021 Budget was approved as presented. In extremely close voting, newly elected or re-elected Council persons are: Harry Aurand, Jr.; Charlie Benner; Joe Bogetti; Barry Heim; Braden Klingler; Doug Klingler; and Judy Kuhn. We wish to thank all who agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for your willingness to serve. We also thank those leaving their Council positions for their service, hard work and dedication to Salem Church.

**Salem's Council for the remainder of 2021 is:** Harry Aurand, Jr.; Charlie Benner; Joe Bogetti; Linda Carl; Barry Heim; Braden Klingler; Danny Klingler; Doug Klingler; Judy Kuhn; Harry Maurer; Bill Moyer and Bob Stranko.

**Special Thanks** to Pastor Stina and Jessica Moyer for bringing a *Traveling Easter Egg Hunt* to our youth and a special surprise to our teens on March 27<sup>th</sup>! It was a creative and wonderful way to “outsmart COVID” and bring some Easter fun to our children & youth!

**Special Thanks** to Shirley Musser and Donna Moyer for providing beautiful spring flowers for our sanctuary to help us celebrate Easter!

Reading today’s lessons are: 6:45 am Service: Donna Moyer and 10:30 am Service: Ellie Schaeffer.

The April Newsletter is coming to your email Inbox or postal mailbox (for those without internet). If you do not receive your newsletter by next Sunday, please notify the secretary or Pastor Stina. Thank you!

**Prayer Chain** requests can again be given to Elaine and Charlie Benner (570-374-8826 or [ceben58@ptd.net](mailto:ceben58@ptd.net)). Special Thanks to Susan Athey and Pastor Stina for handling Prayer Chain duties for the past few months.

*Quarter-&-A-Can* will be held on **April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. Your donations of non-perishable food items are important during these difficult times so our local food banks can help local families in need. Please bring your donations and place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**Readers are needed!** Please contact Pastor Stina if you would like to volunteer to read and she will provide you with the readings. Currently, there is no sign-up sheet in the vestibule due to COVID.

During this difficult time, Salem’s financial obligations remain the same. Your continued financial support, as you are able, is greatly appreciated. Offerings can be mailed to the church (Salem Lutheran Church; 899 Salem Road; Selinsgrove, PA 17870) or made electronically through our website’s “Online Giving” tab. **Thank you!**

<p>If you have chosen to listen to the Service from the parking lot via our FM transmitter, <b>please turn to FM channel 87.9</b>. You may need to increase the volume of your radio quite a bit. This is normal for the radio transmitter. <b>Don’t forget to turn down your radio’s volume following the Service!</b></p>
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