

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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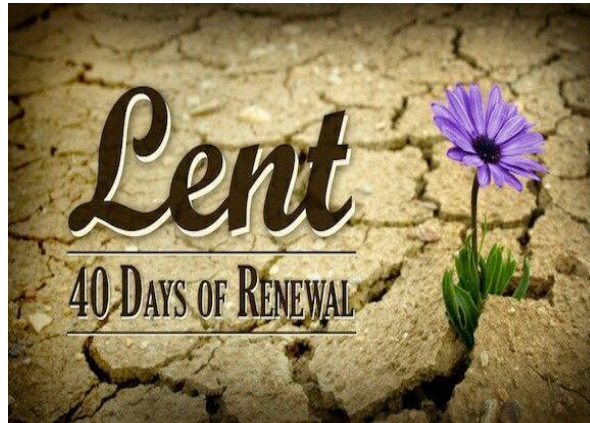
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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, April 3, 2022

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 16-21**

The First Reading is from the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 126** (Please Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3: 4b-14**

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his

sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 12: 1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

## **THE CHILDRENS' SERMON**

**THE SERMON:** "Mary with the Jar of Perfume"

**HYMN:** *Take My Life, that I May Be*

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## **THE 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.**  
**He 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**

Response to: "Merciful God," . . . . . **receive our prayer.**

## **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**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess;  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow, for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

**SENDING**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL at all Salem functions.** If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so, **but it is not a requirement.** **Social distancing will still be observed** and we will continue to receive Communion in our seats using the Worship Bags. Additional seating remains available in the basement where the Service can be viewed via video live stream. The Service will continue to be available on Salem’s website.

**Today is NEWSLETTER SUNDAY** - Please check your email or church mailbox for your copy. If you do not have email or have signed-up to receive a hard copy, you will find your newsletter in your church mailbox in the upstairs youth/family room. If you have been receiving digital copies, your newsletters will continue to be sent to your email.

Reading today’s lessons is Eileen Stauffer.

**College Students & Military:** Please remember to donate toward gift cards for our college students and military personnel. We will be sending Easter cards to them and including gift cards. With the rising cost of postage, this is the most cost-effective way to let them know their Salem Family is thinking about and praying for them. Donation cans are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary, on top of the sound system and on the front table in the downstairs social room. **Please remember to donate SOON!**

**Lent Bible Study** – Join us on **Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** for our last Lent Bible Study, diving into Scripture. *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study of Unsteady Times*. We’ve been exploring 6 stories of Jesus as he walks toward Jerusalem in an uncertain world, not so different from our own.

The **Ladies’ WELCA Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church basement. ALL Ladies of the church are invited to attend.

The **Easter Ham & Egg Breakfast is back!** Breakfast will be served in the church basement at approximately **7:45 am**, following the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. If you will be attending, please complete the sign-up slip found in the bulletins and place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

**MEN!** Come help prepare Easter Breakfast in the grove kitchen! Come out early for fun and fellowship, cooking with your Salem Brothers! Questions? Ask Joe Bogetti.



“The **IN-PERSON Easter Egg Hunt is back!** The Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Morning starting at 9:30 am, following the breakfast. We will be asking you to please RSVP so we know how many kiddos will be hunting this year! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Stina or myself. Thank you!”

~ Jessica Moyer

**Easter Flowers – Something New!** This year, we are asking the congregation to help decorate the sanctuary. You can purchase flowers or gather some from your garden and place them in the sanctuary on Easter morning. After the service, you may take them home and enjoy them. They can be any type of flowers – they do not have to be tulips or lilies. If you would like to purchase flowers, but won’t be able to get them, please contact Donna Moyer (dowimoyer56@gmail.com) and they will be purchased and placed in the church. Don’t forget, if you are placing them in honor of someone, please let Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) know so it can be noted in the bulletin. Thank you and hopefully we will have a beautiful selection!



~ Donna Moyer



**FUNDRAISER AT HOSS'!** Enjoy a meal and help support Salem Church at the same time! Enjoy a meal at *Hoss'* on **Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Tickets are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Proceeds received depend on the total amount of meals purchased all day (**eat-in or take-out**), so be sure to invite friends and family and be sure to pick-up tickets for them. Questions? Ask Ricky Bower.

**Adult Sunday School** is held every Sunday morning in the church basement from 9:30 – 10:00 am. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with, and from, one another!

**Prayer Chain** – Please contact Elaine and Charlie Benner with all Prayer Chain requests – **ceben58@ptd.net**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday Worship – 10:30 am  
Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 pm  
Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Worship – 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday -  
    Sunrise Service w/Communion – 6:45 am  
    Ham & Egg Breakfast – 7:45 am (basement)  
    Easter Egg Hunt – 9:30 am  
    Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
    Worship w/Communion – 10:30 am

**BUCKETS & LIDS:** We are still collecting clean 5-gallon buckets with lids. If you can donate buckets, please let a Council member or Pastor Stina know.



## **REMEMBER OUR LENT PROJECT !**

Our “Flood Buckets” are filling-up with practical items to help with clean-up. They will be given to families who have experienced major flooding. Each bucket costs approximately \$50 to fill. We are buying the contents in bulk to save money and because the items in the buckets are very specific as to type and size.

**Can we meet Salem Council’s challenge??    Raise enough money to fill at least 25 buckets!**

**Donation buckets can be found on top of the sound system and by the table at the back of the sanctuary or you may mail-in your donation: Salem Lutheran Church, 899 Salem Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.**

*\* When mailing a donation, please add a note saying it is for the “Flood Bucket” collection. \* Thank you!*