

**Fifth Sunday In Lent  
Sunday, March 26, 2023  
Holy Communion**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*+ Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

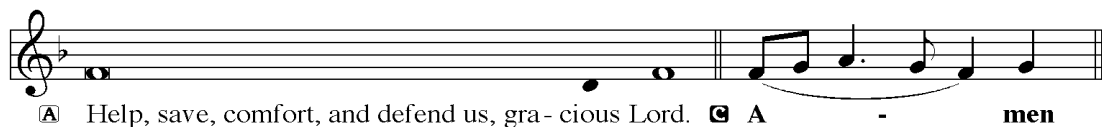
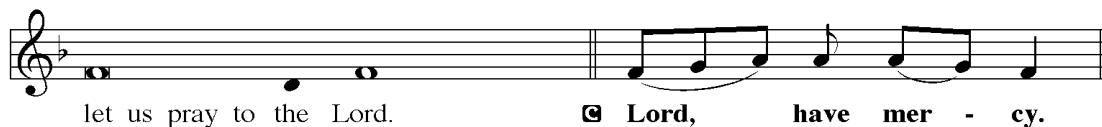
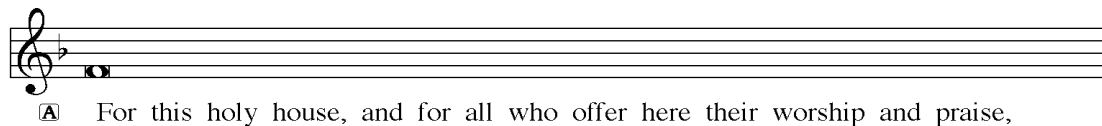
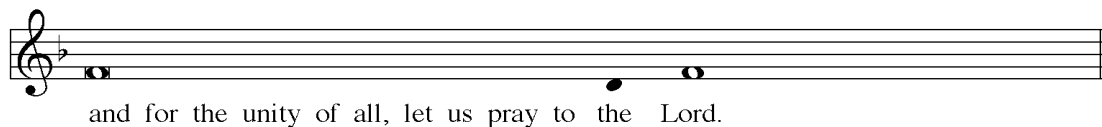
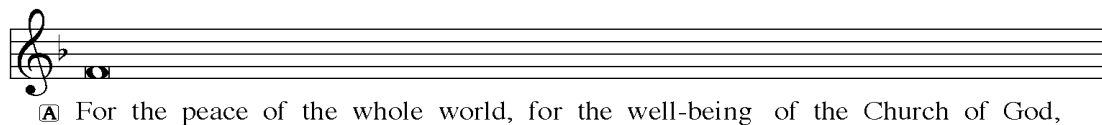
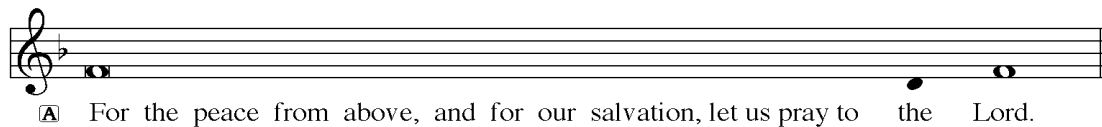
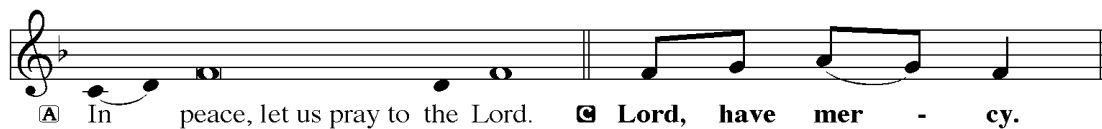
Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      **LBW # 559**

**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.**

## KYRIE



## HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ *Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Ten Thousand Angels*

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

The First Reading is from the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,

and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 130**   (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8: 6-11**

The Second Reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

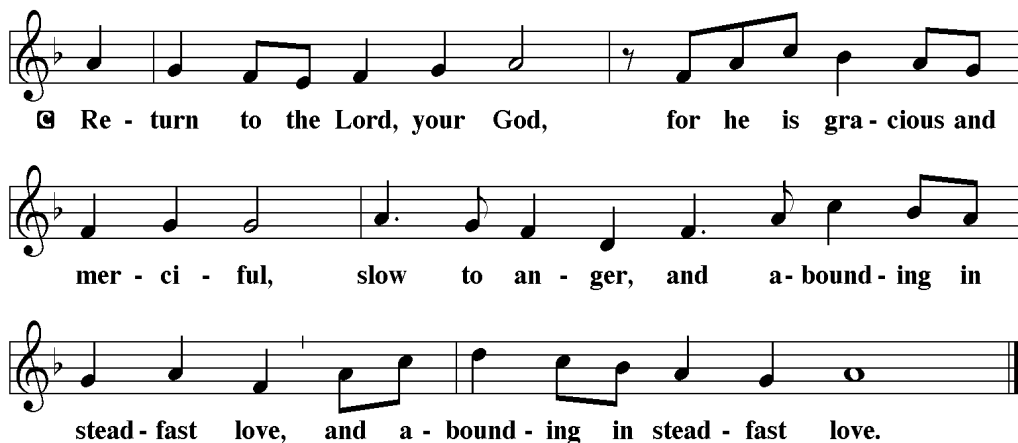
<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to

them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

+ *Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for time with the Pastor.*

## CHILDRENS' SERMON

## THE SERMON

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Just as I Am, without One Plea*      **LBW # 296**  
(verses 1 – 4)

## 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.**

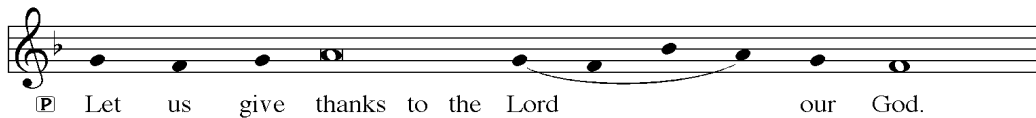
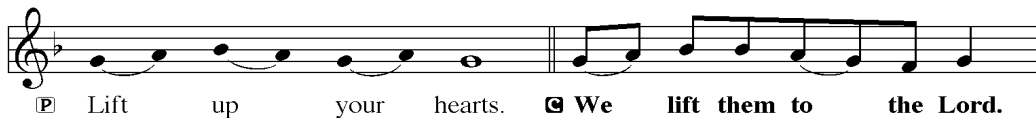
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## DIALOGUE



## PREFACE

## HOLY. HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' which is then changed to 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

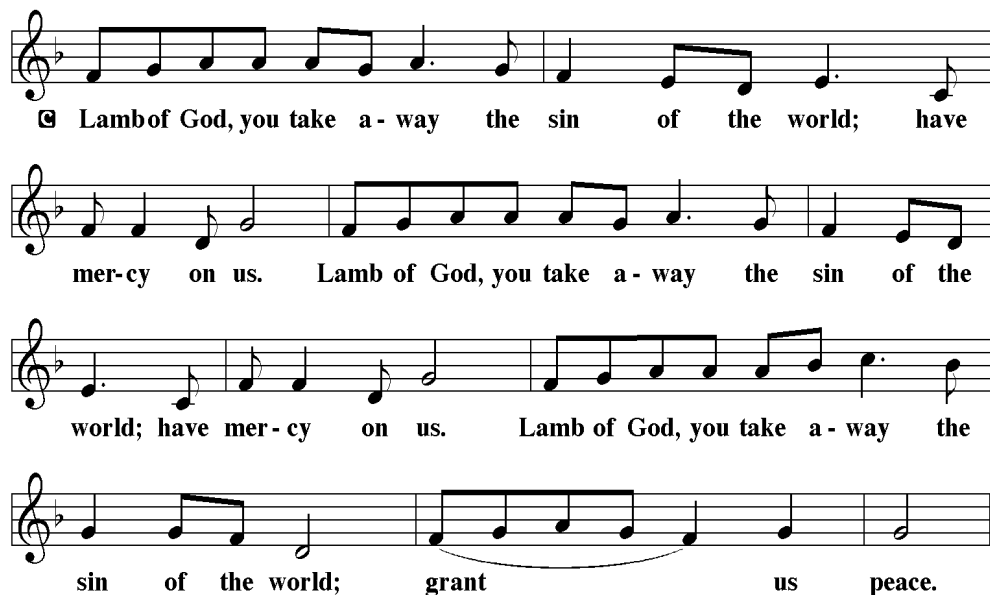
Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those  
     who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
     and the power, and the glory,  
     forever and ever. Amen.

+ *Please be seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table, when we celebrate and receive the true presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and fruit of the vine.*

*Communion will be received in a continuous line. Come forward, forming a line down the center aisle. Stop at the end of the aisle, receive your bread, empty cup, and wine.*

*Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups in the middle of the tray.*

*There is no need to hurry through Communion. Please take as much time as you wish for prayer and reflection.*

*If you are more comfortable remaining in your seat for Communion, individual bags containing Communion elements are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat. As the bread and wine/grape juice are given, the following is said:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond **Amen**. As you receive the bread and wine/grape juice, saying "Amen" means "Yes, truly, it is so: this is the body and blood of Jesus, given for me."*

*After you have received Communion, please place your empty cup in the bowl, then return to your seat.*

*After all have received Communion, the Pastor will ask the congregation to stand, then give a blessing, ending with the following words:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *Now Thank We All Our God* **LBW # 534**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may contact Pastor Stina at any time by phone or text: **(845) 636-9487** or email: **stinaschaeffer@gmail.com**.

**Communion:** If you prefer to remain in your seat, or have mobility issues, the Pastor will be happy to bring Communion to you at your seat.

**Offerings:** For your convenience, offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offerings as you enter.

Reading today's lessons is Sue Moyer.

Choir Practice will be at 6:00 pm tonight.

**TODAY is the deadline for the April newsletter.** Please give all information you'd like included in the newsletter to Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) today.  
Thank you!

**SALEM DIRECTORY: TODAY is the deadline** to make any changes to the Directory – name, new address, phone number, email address, or want to add a phone number. Please contact Jane Korbar (jkorbar@verizon.net) or Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) to make any changes. If you are not a member of Salem Church but attend often, please contact us and we will be happy to include you.



There are **NO** Prayer Meetings during Lent.

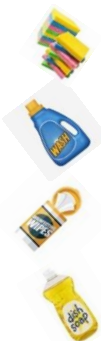
There will be **NO** WELCA Ladies Meeting in April.



**“LUNCH & LEARN”** has been a big hit! We gather every Wednesday throughout Lent to enjoy a lunch of soup and bread, followed by Bible Study. **Everyone is welcome!** This is not just for Salem folks, so invite family, friends and neighbors! The studies are not continuous, so if you cannot come every Wednesday, you will not miss out. Come when, and as often, as you can! Our **LAST** “Lunch & Learn” is **THIS Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### **2023 LENT PROJECT!**

This year during the season of Lent, we will be working with Zion Lutheran Church in Kratzerville to support the “DIG Furniture Bank”. You can visit their website at: **www.digfb.org** to learn more information about their mission. We will be collecting items to support their ‘housewarming baskets’. The items we are collecting are: **Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Sponges and Disinfecting Wipes & Sprays.** You can also make a monetary contribution by placing your donation in an envelope marked “DIG” and putting it in the offering plate.



This will be a friendly competition between the Zion and Salem Congregations! The real winner will be “DIG” and the families they support! Please bring your items to Salem **before Easter** and **PUT THEM IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR.**

To celebrate our “friendly competition”, the congregation who collects the **LEAST** amount of items **will host the other Congregation for lunch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**! Together we can learn more about “DIG” as an organization and enjoy time together.

The Salem Cemetery Committee is looking for someone to take over as Secretary/Treasurer. The position is not very time consuming and the Committee only meets one time a year so there is not a large commitment needed. If you are interested in learning more about the position, please talk to Doug Klingler or Will Moyer. Thank you!

**EASTER HAM & EGG BREAKFAST!** If you plan to attend the Easter Ham & Egg Breakfast on Easter morning at 7:30 am, following the Sunrise Service, please fill-out the sign-up sheet in today's bulletin and put it in the offering plate ASAP.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. All youth ages up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Bring your basket or bag and see how many eggs YOU can find! If your child will be attending, please fill-out the colored sign-up slip in today's bulletin and **put it in the offering plate by April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you!

Easter is coming soon! The congregation is invited to bring flowers of their own choosing to help celebrate Easter and decorate the church. Please bring your flowers (any kind of flower, they do not have to be tulips and/or lilies) by **Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you're placing flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) **no later than Palm Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)** so it can be noted in the bulletin. Thank you!



The Reader's sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please stop by and sign-up to read the Sunday lessons. Readers are always needed and much appreciated. New upcoming Lessons have been posted for your convenience.

The 2023 Altar Flower Chart is hanging in the vestibule. Choose a Sunday, sign-up to provide altar flowers. If they are for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please contact the Secretary so it can be noted in the bulletin.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, March 19 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 22 – “Lunch & Learn” – 12:30 pm in the church basement

Sunday, March 26 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 29 – “Lunch & Learn” – 12:30 pm in the church basement

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday  
9:30 am – Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am – Holy Communion Worship  
“Family Ministry” – following Worship

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Worship – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service with Holy Communion – 6:45 am  
Ham & Egg Breakfast in church basement – 7:30 am  
Youth Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 am  
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 12 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 16 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, April 17 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm





**Mark your calendars for our Holy Week and  
Easter Worship Services and Events:**

Palm Sunday, April 2 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am  
“Family Ministry” – following Worship

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Worship – 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9 – Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion – 6:45 am

Easter Ham & Egg Breakfast – 7:30 am

Youth Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 am

Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am

Holy Communion Worship – 10:30 am