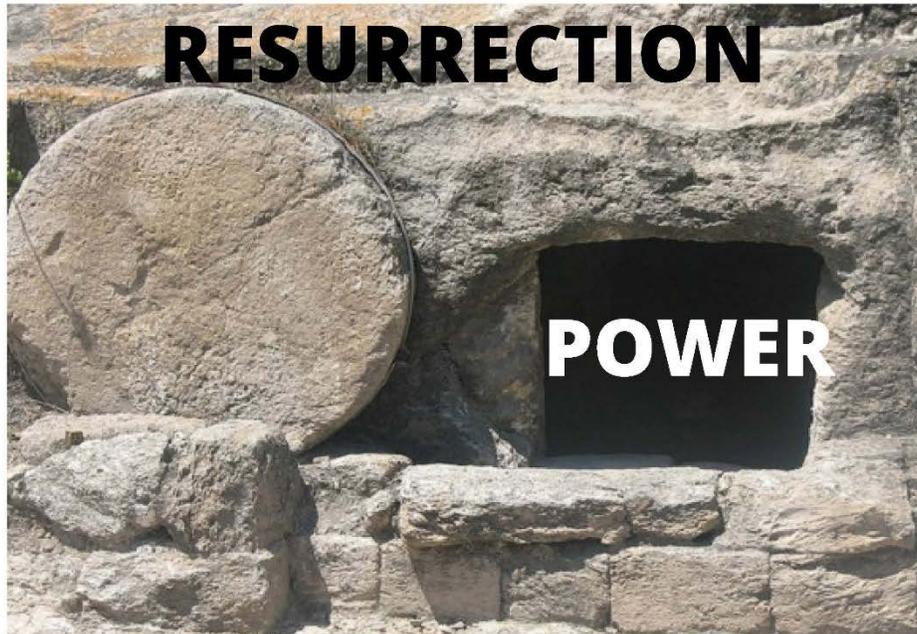


**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Easter 2**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
April 8 & 11, 2021**

SERVICE OF THE WORD



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 142

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness.
See the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen.**

**All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold him as a mortal.**

**But today among his own Christ appeared, bestowing
Blessed peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-20

When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.”

HYMN 144

**Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison.
We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy. All our hopes were ended
Had Jesus not ascended From the grave triumphantly.
For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be.
Lord, have mercy.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

HYMN OF THE DAY 155

**Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hallelujah!**

**He whose path no records tell
Has descended into hell;
He the strong man armed has bound
And in highest heav'n is crowned. Hallelujah!**

**He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiv'n,
How we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!**

SERMON

Acts 3:12-20

RESURRECTION POWER

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

RESPONSE HYMN

**An epic battle, a glorious fight:
The Son had set in darkest night.
The Foe unleashed his vilest might.
The world had shuddered at the sight.**

**An epic battle, a glorious fight:
The Son arose in splendor bright.
The Foe was doomed to darkest night.
The world was bathed in Easter light.**

**An epic battle, a glorious fight:
The Son removes all fear and fright.
The Foe has lost his stinging bite.
Our souls, redeemed, stand dressed in white.**

**An epic battle, a glorious fight:
The Son now reigns from heaven's height.
The Foe still fumes in hellish spite.
Our souls, so blessed, will win that fight. (tune: Winchester New)**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

HYMN 341, v 1 & 3

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

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This week at Salem

Sunday **8 & 10:30am** **Worship Services**
 9:30am **Bible Class**
 1:30pm **Public Confirmation Class**

Monday **all day** **Pastors' Conference in Alma**
 7:00pm **Elders Meeting**

Tuesday **10:30am** **Bible Class**
 5:30pm **Board for Christian Education**
 6:15pm **Church Properties**
 7:00pm **Church Council Meeting**

Thursday **7:00pm** **Mask required Communion Service**

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	March 28	To Date
Offerings received	\$11,879.38	\$164,672.38
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 702.48	\$ 9,625.81
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 510.41
Total:	<u>\$12,581.86</u>	<u>\$174,808.60</u>
Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$162,468.02
Difference	\$ 84.32	\$ 12,340.58
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

