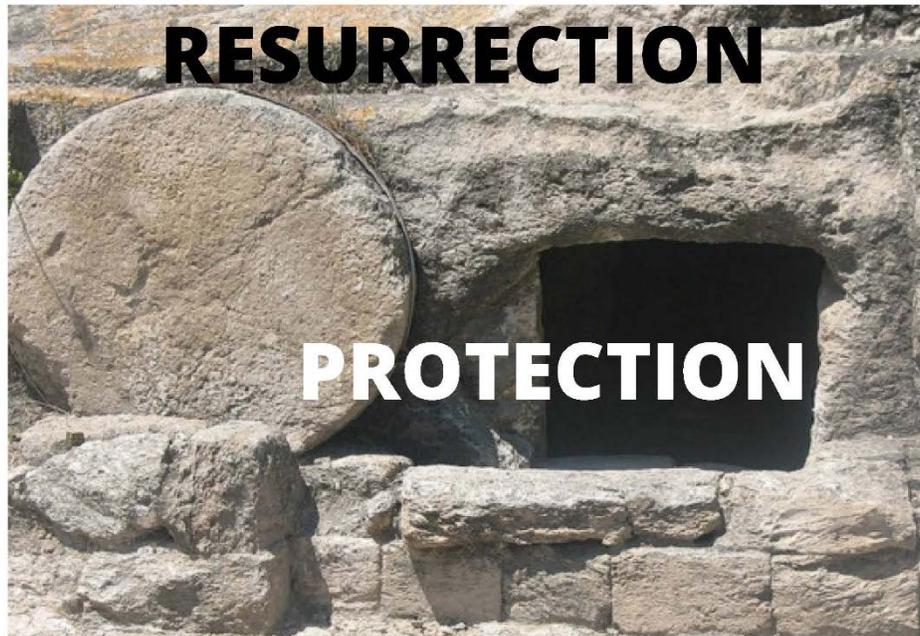


**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Easter 4**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
April 22 & 25, 2021**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**



**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 772**

**When Jesus came from Nazareth, he walked beside the sea.  
He saw four fishermen and called, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**He led them over unknown ways whose end they could not see  
And, when they faltered, called again, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**We make our vows, O Christ, today to serve you faithfully.  
For you have called us each by name, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**Lord, grant us grace to walk your way and, falling, rise again  
Restored, forgiven, hearing still, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**Good Shepherd, risen from the grave, in death our comfort be:  
Call out, from heav'n, where you have gone, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

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 Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 4:23-33**

After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen. Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness. The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them.

## **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 3:1,2**

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**John 10:11-18**

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 375**

**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.**

**Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me,  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!**

**SERMON**

**Acts 3:12-20**

**RESURRECTION PROTECTION**

**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 167**

**Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope he's giving,  
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; I, too, unto life shall waken.  
Endless joy my Savior gives; Shall my courage, then, be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the head Rise and leave his members dead?**

**No, too closely am I bound Unto him by hope forever;  
Faith's strong hand the rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never.  
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.**

**I am flesh and must return Unto dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide In his glory, at his side.**

**Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.**

**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 154**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the King of creation.**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live forever.**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
Life eternal for all who believe.**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Come, let us praise the living God;  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

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## WELS CONNECTION

The Sunday Altar flowers are placed in loving memory of Gene & Marge Albaugh.

### This week at Salem

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Services</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Voters' Meeting at school</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Information Class</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Information Class</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mask required Communion Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public Confirmation Class</b>

	<b>April 11</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$10,850.66	\$191,550.14
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 515.59	\$ 12,607.40
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 520.99
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,366.25</b>	<b>\$204,678.53</b>
Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$187,463.10
Difference	-\$ 1,313.29	\$ 17,214.90
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

