

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Easter 5**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
April 29 & May 2, 2021**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 141**

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.  
You have conquered in the fight;  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days,  
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joy of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is an isolated area.) So he got up and went. And there was a man, an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. He was on his way home, sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit told Philip, "Go over there and stay close to that chariot." Philip ran up to it and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading was this: He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who will talk about his generation? For his life is taken from the earth. The eunuch said to Philip, "I ask you, who is the prophet talking about—himself or someone else?" Then Philip began to speak. Starting with that very passage of Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus. As they were traveling along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What is there to prevent me from being baptized?" He ordered the chariot to stop. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they stepped up out of the water,

the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away. The eunuch did not see him anymore, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, found himself at Azotus. And as he went from place to place, he preached the gospel in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

#### **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 3:18-24**

Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth. This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 168**

**With high delight Let us unite  
In songs of sweet jubilation.  
You pure in heart, Each take your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free Forever, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.**

**True God, he first From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy Shall vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave,"  
Said he, who gave His life for us, life renewing.**

**Let praises ring; Give thanks and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.  
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall his love Give us above, From misery And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.**

## **SERMON**

**John 15:1-8**

### **RESURRECTION CONNECTION**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## RESPONSE HYMN 737

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

## PRAYERS

**P:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**P:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

### *Special Prayers and intercessions*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **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.**

#### **THE SACRAMENT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**♪ Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts.**

**The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

#### **Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
Amen.**

### **Distribution**

*The communicant members of Salem are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with a pastor prior to the service before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain them. The pastors would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!*

*Communicants who desire grape juice instead of wine may indicate so by raising an index finger as they approach the pastor. If you require a gluten free wafer, please speak to a pastor prior to worship.*

### **Prayer**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: 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 761**

**We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised by God's glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.**

**I have now been grafted to the vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.**

**I have now been crucified with Christ.  
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,  
One who loved me so—gave himself for me.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.**

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**Offerings** are collected at the door on your way out. If you're a visitor today, we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of our worship. In fact, we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! The offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering, we thank you for praising God with your generosity.

**In Loving Memory of  
Eugene Edward Norder  
Entered Earthly Life: January 17, 1940  
Entered Eternal Life: April 26, 2021**

**This week at Salem**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Communion Services</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public School Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</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>Masks Required Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Bible &amp; Catechism Review</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Services</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public School Confirmation Class</b>



	<b>April 18</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$10,116.88	\$201,667.02
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 782.00	\$ 13,389.40
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 520.46
Total:	\$10,898.88	\$215,576.88
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$199,960.64
Difference	-\$ 1,598.66	\$ 15,616.24
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

