



He Lives!

Behold, I am
alive
for evermore.

REVELATION 1:18



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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy, but they really embody surrenders to death. Jesus Christ, sacrificed and arising again, liberates from submission to this ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher: Pastor Martin Dressler
Organist/Pianist: Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeters: Sandy Niehaus and Rita Hall
Prayer Team: Bruce Pursley

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Easter Celebration

April 5, 2026

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Christians, to the Paschal Victim”
 Settings by Jeffrey Bleresch and Nicholas Palmer
“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”
 Setting by Matthew Machemer
“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”
 Setting by Rachel Chapin

After the chimes ring 8 times, the congregation is invited to attend to the opening narration in silence. 8 signifies God’s doing a new thing in Scripture. Jesus’ resurrection is the inauguration of the New Creation still to come.

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM: “AGNUS DEI”

Michael W. Smith

At the indicated time, please rise and face the candle in the rear of the sanctuary as it processes. Following the leadership of the choir, the congregation joins in singing the anthem.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 for the Lord God Al-might-y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al-might-y reigns.
 Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You,
 Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb, wor - thy is the
 Lamb. You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might -

y. Wor-thy is the Lamb, wor-thy is the Lamb. A - men.

OPENING RESPONSORY [1 Peter 2:24, Acts 2:24, Romans 6:9]

P: Death is swallowed up in victory.

C: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

P: Through His death and resurrection,

C: **Jesus Christ has trampled sin, death, and Satan underfoot.**

P: He has shut the tomb

C: **and opened the way to everlasting life.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

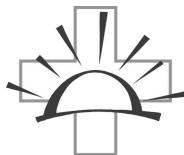
HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (LSB 457, stzs 1-3)

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION [Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 5:21]

P: Christ has been raised from the dead!

C: He brings forgiveness, life, and salvation with Him.

P: Confident in this certain hope, we confess our sins to our faithful God.

Silence for reflection.

P: O God,

C: Preserve me, for in You I take refuge. I have strayed from Your will and disobeyed Your commandments. I have loved myself more than You and more than my neighbors. Truly I deserve only death. Nevertheless, for the sake of Your Son's death on the cross, forgive my sin. And on account of His resurrection, grant me eternal life and resurrection when He returns. Amen.

P: For our sake God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Therefore, who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us and our salvation. In Him, we see the will of God toward us—to forgive us and lead us to everlasting life. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our risen Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (LSB 457, stz 4)

△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PSALM 16

P: Preserve me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

P: As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

**C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

P: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

P: You make known to me the path of life;

**C: in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**



Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Joyful Eastertide (LSB 482)



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934
Tune: Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

Thus says the LORD:
“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“In God, the Father, We Believe”

Erna Westphal; Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Setting by Edward H. Meyer

*In God, the Father, we believe,
From Him all blessings we receive;
For all our wants He does provide,
In time of need He's at our side.*

*In Jesus Christ we do believe;
He died that we in Him might live.
From death's dark grave He rose again—
True Son of God and Son of man.*

*The Holy Spirit, we believe,
Our hearts true hope and peace He gives;
The Christian's heart to sanctify,
The Triune God to glorify.*

*In God the Father, God the Son,
The Holy Spirit, Three in One,
We all believe and we confess.
May God our faith forever bless.*

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Make Songs of Joy (LSB 484, stzs 1 & 3)

1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

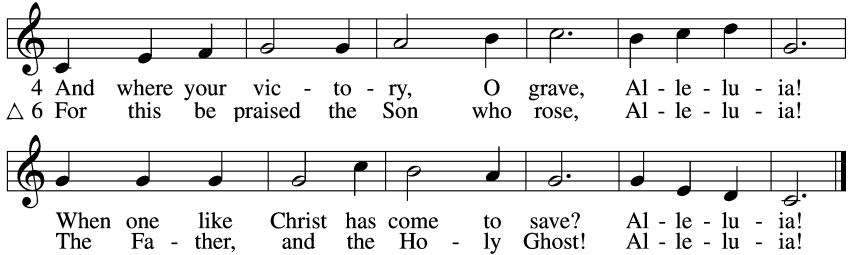
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE: Make Songs of Joy (LSB 484, stz 4 & 6)



4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Al - le - lu - ia!

When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!
The Fa - ther, and the Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Juraj Tranovský, 1591-1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

Tune: Velká Partitúra, 1936, ed. Juraj Chorvát

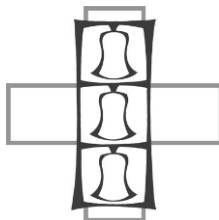
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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**



(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Scatter the Darkness (LSB 481)

1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -

emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:

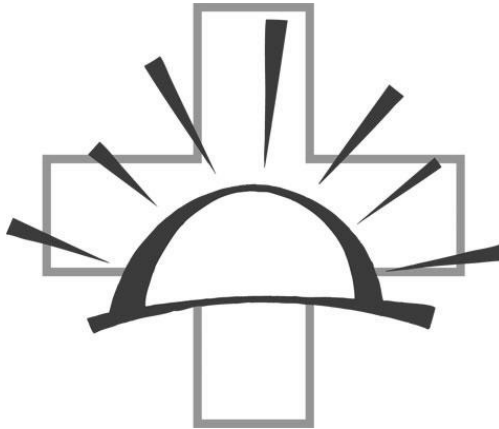
Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -

clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: French

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SERMON: “The Dwelling Place of God... *Today*” Matthew 28:5-6b
Pastor Dressler

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

(LSB 467, stzs 1-3)



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE – "You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are
pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Remember Me"
Ben Shive, Andrew Peterson

Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
The one who utters no untrue word
Whose hands are clean, whose heart is pure
Who can ascend that hill?

There is none righteous, no not one
We are prodigal daughters and wayward sons
We don't know the half of the hurt we've done
The countless we have killed

Our priests are cheats, our prophets are liars
We know what the law requires
But we pile our sins up higher and higher
Who can ascend that hill?

And I am a sheep who has gone astray
I have turned aside to my own way
Have mercy on me, Son of David

Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom

Now hear the voice of the Word made man
The spotless sacrificial Lamb
"A body You gave me, here I am
I have come to do Your will"

And no one takes my life, you see
I lay it down now willingly
And I will draw all men to me
When I ascend that hill

On Sunday, You came as a King
On Monday, washed the temple clean
On Tuesday, You told of what will be
On Wednesday, You waited patiently
On Thursday, You said it is time
I'll drink this cup 'cause it is mine
On Friday, Lord, You poured the wine

Like a thief on the cross, as He hung there dying
For crimes, there were no use denying
While the righteous Judge hung right beside him
How could I not recognize You?
How could I not recognize You?
How could I not recognize my Lord?

Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom

*Just days ago, the sky was stone
The trees were standing, stripped to the bone
You could hear creation groan*

*But I [sing] these words on an April day
And the earth is drinking the early rain
The hills remember green again*

*And we've heard this story all our lives
Still, we feel the pain of the crucified
And the end still comes as a surprise*

*But before the breath there in the tomb
Before our joy sprang from the womb
You saw a day that's coming soon*

*When the Son will stand on the mount again
With an army of angels at His command
And the earth will split like the hull of a seed
Wherever Jesus plants His feet*

*And up from the earth, the dead will rise
Like spring trees robed in petals of white
Singing the song of the radiant bride*

*And we will always be, always be, always be with the Lord
We will always be, always be, always be with the Lord*

Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom

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(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God the Father Who raised Jesus from death,

C: hear our prayer and grant us Your joy.



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 177

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Risen Lord, now that You have conquered death and reign at the right hand of the Father in His Kingdom, remember us, and teach us to pray:

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

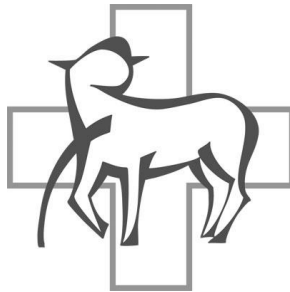
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 962

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 Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

See, What a Morning
(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
 2. See Mar-y weep - ing, "Where is He laid?" As in
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.

Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the
 Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
 Hon - our and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the

an - gels an - nounce: "Christ is ris - en!"
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain!
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.

See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
 And we are raised with Him; Death is

love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered.

ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for He
 will sound 'til He ap - pears, for He
 And we shall reign with Him, for He

lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.

At the Lamb's High Feast (LSB 633)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 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!

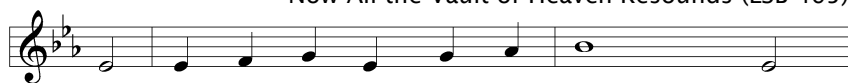
6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 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!

△ 8 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!

Text: Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.
 Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivancice

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (LSB 465)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (LSB 466)



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joyce and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, 1938-2021; tr. Howard S. Olson, 1922-2010

Tune: Tanzanian

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With High Delight (LSB 483)



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-99; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76

Tune: Cinquante Pseaumes, 1543, Geneva

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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



SENDING RESPONSORY

P: Brothers and sisters, we have celebrated the most important day in history.

C: Our Lord is not in the tomb. He lives!

P: He lives for us!

C: And He lives *in* us, calling us forth from the tombs of sin.

P: Then let us go forth from this place in great joy, knowing that Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia! Amen!



CLOSING HYMN: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

(LSB 461, stzs 1-4, 7-8)



1	I	know	that	my	Re - deem - er	lives;	What	com - fort	
2	He	lives	tri - um - phant	from	the	grave;	He	lives e -	
3	He	lives	to	bless	me	with	His	lives to	
4	He	lives	to	grant	me	rich	sup - ply;	He	lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
 Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Now since Christ has passed over and reigns above in heaven over sin, death, devil, and everything, and since He did this for our sake to draw us after Him, we need no longer worry about our resurrection and life, though we depart and rot in the ground. For now this is no more than a sleep. And for Christ it is but a night before He rouses us from the sleep."

–Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of April 5 through April 12

- TODAY: **Easter Sunday**
Exodus 14:10-31; Hebrews 7:23—8:13
SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30AM
Easter Breakfast 7:00AM
NO Sunday School/Bible Class
FESTIVAL SERVICE with COMMUNION 9:30AM
- MONDAY: *Exodus 15:1-18; Hebrews 9:1-28*
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO SCHOOL
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
- TUESDAY: *Exodus 15:19—16:12; Hebrews 10:1-18*
- WEDNESDAY: *Exodus 16:13-35; Hebrews 10:19-39*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Ladies Aid 12Noon
NO DIVINE WORSHIP
- THURSDAY: *Exodus 17:1-16; Hebrews 11:1-29*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
- FRIDAY: *Exodus 18:5-27; Hebrews 12:1-24*
Book of Joshua Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: *Exodus 19:1-25; Hebrews 13:1-21*
- NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday School 5 students, 3 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, March 29 – 90

Online views

Sunday, March 29, 10AM – 12

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)

March 29: Physical-\$5,683.25; Online-\$151.00

Total-\$5,834.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY In 2025, 73% of American adults reported feeling anxious about politics. Many of those polled said they felt exhausted or even angry because of it. The political situation is not the only thing that makes us anxious though, is it? No, there is no end to the kinds of things that can make our pulses quicken and give us that sinking feeling in our hearts. Into all of this, Jesus says, "Do not be anxious." How can Jesus give us such a tall order? Can the life of a Christian be more serene than that of a non-Christian? Join us next week in Bible study to find out as we study Matthew 6:25-34!

To access by phone: 312 626 6799. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - No class today—we'll resume next week!

3. TO GIVE ONLINE, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XV>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

4. OUR NEXT HYMN SING is on April 19. It will begin roughly at 9:45AM and will take the place of the usual preservice music. We will focus specifically on selections from LSB 457-490 and LSB 644-669.

5. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for June 15-18, from 5:45-8:15PM each evening. Don't miss out on this fun week! Whether you attend as a participant or are able to give your time as an adult, these summer evenings are always great fun and full of learning more about Jesus. Even if you can't come to all four evenings, we can use you! Volunteer sign up and registration forms are in the Narthex. Sign up today and plan to join us for this excellent week!

6. GET READY!!!! Get ready to join the new Bible Class every Friday from 10:30 - Noon. What is it? The Book of Luke. Begins in a week or so. Watch the bulletin. Do you have to read out loud? No! Do you have to answer questions? No! Do you have to do homework? No! But you will be encouraged to do so, so that you get more out of the class. Who is the teacher? Rev (retired pastor, Rev. Richard Thur). Where do we meet? Church basement. Come in the basement door. Can't make the first class? Start the following week or month. Where do you sign up? Print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Rev at 314-706-6232 for more information.



The lilies that adorn the worship space for our Easter service are given by the following in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving to God for all the countless blessings He has given us. If you ordered lilies, they may be taken home any time after this morning's worship service. Thank you for helping to make our Sanctuary so beautiful and festive to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Ron and Sharon Brinker

– Jesus conquered death. We will live forever.

Ron and Judy Buenger and Family

– In loving memory of Ed and Mildred Buenger.

– In loving memory of William and Esther Buenger.

– In loving memory of Norman and Genevieve Snyder.

Gene and Myrna Goris

– In loving memory of Mel and Marie Rather and Wesley Rather.

– In loving memory of Hillie and Helen Goris and Allen, Jim and Jerry Goris.

Nick & Rita Hall

– In loving memory of our parents, Ray & Edna Horst and Joel & Frances Hall.

– In loving memory of Nick's sister, Marcia Hall.

Elin Hogan-Gomez and Adam Hogan

The Joram Family

– For the church.

Marlin & Sharon Knabach

– In loving memory of Sharon's parents, Harold & Marie Mohme.

Kristin Knabach

– In loving memory of my grandparents, Harold & Marie Mohme.

Sharon Lichtenberg

– In loving memory of my husband, Bill.

Lois A. Meyer

– In loving memory of Gary A. Meyer.

Carl Mohme

– In thanksgiving to God for Pastor Dressler and his faithful service in the Kingdom of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

– In thanksgiving to God for Elin and her musical and administrative gifts that bless the saints of Salem!

Judy Niederwimmer

– In loving memory of Steve, at Easter, from all his family.

Fred & Kathy (nee McAllister) Petty

– In memory of our beloved parents, Patricia J. & Fred J. Petty, Sr.

– In loving memory of our beloved parents, Vera M. & Joseph E. McAllister, and sister, Faye McAllister Emery

– Awake, my heart, with gladness,

See what today is done;

Now after gloom and sadness,

Comes forth the glorious sun (SON!)

My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made

When to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight

Pat Rutledge

– In loving memory of Ron Rutledge, Sr.

Keith & Susan Scherer

– Praise God that He sent Jesus to live, die, and rise for all.

Ginger & Greg Sorensen

– “He is not here, for he has risen, as he said!”

(Matthew 28:6)

SCHOOL NEWS



A Blessed Easter

The staff and students at Salem Lutheran School wish all of you a most blessed Easter celebration as we all remember the suffering, death, and glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you are able to celebrate Resurrection Sunday with family and friends.

Thank You, Ladies

Special thanks are in order to the five ladies who helped students this past Tuesday make their Resurrection Eggs, which tell the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you Nora Muffler, Sharon Lichtenberg, Kathy Adler, Penny Fuller, and Irene Kalmer! We love our volunteers!

Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 academic year. We encourage you to tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors about Salem and our 165-year history of providing quality Christian-Lutheran education to this community. God has richly blessed Salem, and we want others to experience the same quality Christian education that so many have received over the years.

Important Dates

Graduation will be on May 15, and the last day of school will be on May 22.

Mid-Trimester

On April 10, Mid-Trimester Reports will be sent home with the students. This is the last report of this nature, as we are now in the final trimester of the 2025–2026 academic year.

Valley of the Flowers Parade

Salem will once again be represented in the Valley of the Flowers Parade on Sunday, May 3! Please plan on helping with this fun project. We will have a float again this year, so if you cannot help build it, please plan to ride on it.

Cookbooks!

We have copyright 2007 Salem cookbooks for sale! Just \$5 each!!

Have You Watched Our Videos?

Have you had a chance to see our school in action? Search for "Salem Lutheran School Black Jack, MO" online to find numerous videos showcasing our ministry. We invite you to take a few minutes to watch and share them!

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of April 4, 2026

- MEMBERS:

Yvonne White; Althea Williams; Betty Williams; Beverly Williams

- CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Clyde Dempsey

Kenneth Graff

Norman Loebs

Dante Neal

Lois Niehaus

Sharon Perko

Rita Seay

Alicia Waller

Mary Warner

Don Weiss

Betty Williams

Steven Ziegler

Donna Barney

Carole Breeden

Barbara Cromer

- SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Patty Gabel

Kimberly Blanchard—neighbor of Salem, at the death of her great-nephew

Beth—friend of Jeff Jackson

Ardelia Davis—mother of Veronica Williams

Glen Niehaus

Bill—friend of Nick Hall

Nick Vukalovich

Gary Burkee—brother of Jeff Burkee

Gerald Gronemeier

Rodger Altevogt

Tristan—student of Tina Kassebaum

Gene Stellhorn

Ken Patterson

Nancy Joy

Dale Schulz

Carolyn Gannon-Allen—sister of Cindy Schulz

LC—MS Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan—recovering from stroke

Inge Hainke—back surgery recovery

Todd Fuller

Susan Smith—continued fight with cancer

Melba Linhardt

- OUR WORLD:

Ukraine, Russia, Venezuela, Middle East

- BIRTHDAYS: Patsy Akushe (4/6); Issa Miller (4/7); Gwendolyn Morgan (4/8); Jude Dressler (4/10); Brad Jackson (4/11)