



**Salem Lutheran Church**  
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***Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Holy Communion***

**⌘ GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,
- C:** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
- P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.**



*Lift Every Voice and Sing*



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**



## ⌘ RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

*The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

**A:** The First Reading is from the 45<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah . . .

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 96:1-13

**A:** *Please join in praying Psalm 96 responsively...*

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**C:** **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

**A:** Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**C:** **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

- A:** As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- C:** **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- A:** Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- C:** **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- A:** Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- C:** **Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- A:** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- C:** **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
- A:** You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

## THE SECOND READING

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:1-10**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

**A:** The Second Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians . . .

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor

of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter ...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

Pastor Preston Fields

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 713

#### *O God of Every Nation*



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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## ⌘ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**A:** *Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed ...*

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

**A:** With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*(A brief silence)*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially **Alexis, Pastor Jane, Pastor Tom, Olivia, Jim, Patti, Steve** and those we say aloud or hold in our hearts.

Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We remember especially Saint Luke the Evangelist whose feast we celebrate today. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. *Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## OFFERING

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

⌘ **GATHERING AT GOD'S TABLE**

## DIALOGUE

**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 our thanks and praise.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P:** 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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- P:** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*  
**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.**

*Please refer to Pastor Preston's email/letter  
"Communion in Exceptional Times."*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- P:** Come to the banquet table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### **LAMB OF GOD** *(Spoken responsively)*

- P:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.  
**C:** **Have mercy on us.**
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**C:** **Have mercy on us.**
- P:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.  
**C:** **Grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW Hymn 483

### *Here Is Bread*



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** *Let us pray ...* We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



⌘ **GOING FORTH TO “Live Christ’s Love”**

**DEPARTURE BLESSING**

- P:** May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

- A:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C:** **Thanks be to God.**



*Worship Leaders . . .*

*Pastor Preston Fields  
Susan King, Saturday Assisting Minister  
John Seraphine, Sunday Assisting Minister  
Mack Patrick, Saturday Sound  
Sound Tech Needed, Sunday Sound*

*Musicians . . .*

*John Feken, Piano  
Sara Ann Feken / Judy Neumann*

*Bulletins Sponsors . . .*

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