



Salem Lutheran Church

Fifth Weekend in Lent

5:00 p.m. / 9:30 a.m. Services

March 25/26, 2023

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion

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UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL IN THE NOT YET

Called to Regret

✠ **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able ...

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

C: Lord, hear my voice!

P: In the tombs of death

C: You search for us.

P: Beneath our grave clothes

C: You see your beloved ones.

P: With our tears

C: **Are mingled your own.**

P: We wait for you, Oh Lord,

C: **And In your Word we hope.**

P: For we trust that you will call us

C: **From death to life.**

CONFESSION

P: Gracious God,

C: **We confess that we bind and entomb others and that our own lives are marked by grave clothes and tombs. Forgive us for our death-dealing ways. Call us by name. Unbind us from all that is life-destroying so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed we might live your abundant, resurrected life now. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS

P: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life.

C: **Amen.**



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace 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: *Let us pray ...* Help us, O God, to give our regrets to you and to go forward today, confident in your mercy. Bind up the wounds of our mistakes. Help us to learn from our regrets so that we might live more faithfully in each tomorrow. Forgive us our sins, and raise us to new life today. In the name of † Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated ...

⌘ RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A: A reading from Ezekiel ...

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 130

A: *Please join in praying the psalm responsively,*
Out of the depths
I cry to you, O LORD;

C: O LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplication.

A: If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

**C: Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

A: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

**C: My soul waits for the Lord more than
those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

A: O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**C: For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

A: A reading from Romans ...

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able ...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th Chapter ...

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your

sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated ...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Preston Fields

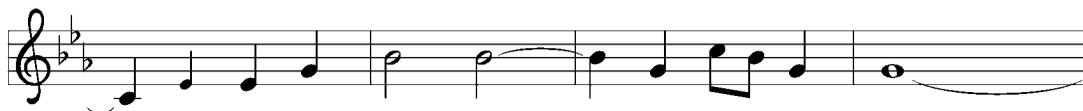
Please stand as you are able ...

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American Spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American Spiritual

⌘ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- 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: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church,
the world and all of creation.

(Each petition ends with ...)

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love
and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Please be seated ...

OFFERING

OFFERING GIFT OF MUSIC

Firm Foundation

Harvill/Gordon

Jesus you're my firm foundation.

I know I can stand secure.

Jesus you're my firm foundation.

I put my hope in your Holy Word.

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Firm Foundation

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Please stand as you are able ...

OFFERING PRAYER

A: *Let us pray ...* God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

⌘ GATHERING AT GOD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

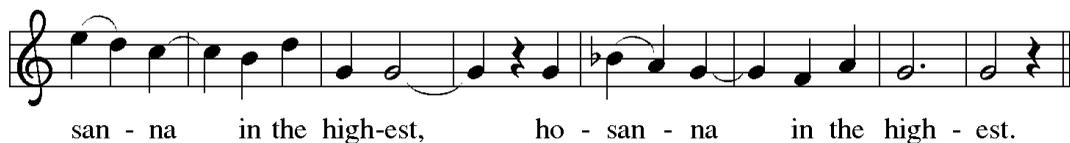
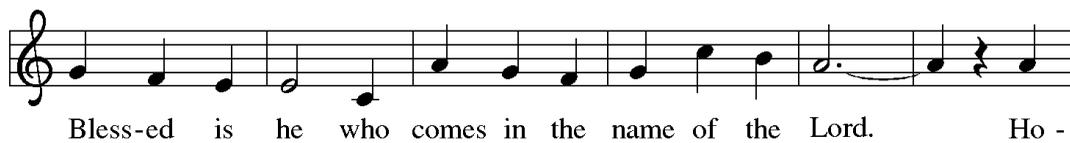
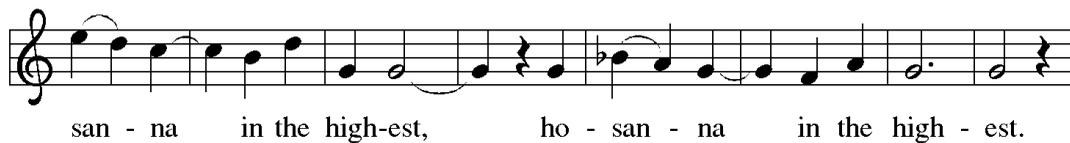
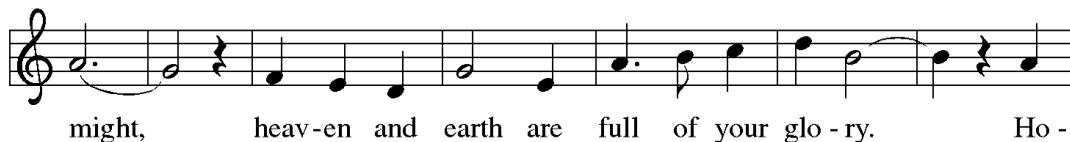
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

P: 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.



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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Please be seated ...

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW Hymn 600

Out of the Depths I Cry to You



- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
- 2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
- 3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
- 4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.
tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

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Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther

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Please stand as you are able ...

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: *Let us pray ...* Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

neighbors
helping
neighbors

⌘ **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.

SENDING HYMN

One Spirit of Love

*Many are the wonders of God, many doors open wide,
Many roads that are still untraveled
Many are the gifts that we share, many burdens we bear
Many mysteries still unraveled*

Chorus:

*Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love*

*Some will be the teachers of life, some the preachers of love,
Some the Fathers and some the Mothers
Some will be the ones who will care, some will listen and share
Serving God while they serve each other*

Chorus:

*Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love*

*Living as the body of Christ, and the heart of the earth,
And the hands that will break new ground
Celebrate the gifts from within, now it's time to begin,
God's people can turn the world around now.*

Chorus:

*Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love
Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love*

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leader
Musicians

Pastor Preston Fields
Michael Carlson, Piano/Organ
Celebration Voices

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship



Saturday – April 1 (5:00 pm)

Sunday – April 2 (9:30 am)

Maundy Thursday – April 6 (7:00 pm)



Good Friday



Friday – April 7 (3:00 pm)

Ecumenical Service at Sycamore United Methodist Church

Friday – April 7 (7:00 pm at Salem)

Easter Vigil

Saturday – April 8 (5:00 pm)



Easter Sunday Worship



Sunday – April 9 (8:00 am)

Easter Egg Hunt (9:30 am)

Sunday – April 9 (10:30 am)