



# Salem Lutheran Church

## Second Sunday of Easter

Assistant Minister: Judy N.

Lay Reader: Sue F.

**April 27, 2025**

**9:30 am**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**L** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**L** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**A** make us one as you are one.

**L** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**A** make us one as you are one.

**L** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**A** Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN

*"Earth, Earth, Awake!"*

ACS 937

### GREETING

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A** And also with you.

### KYRIE

pgs. 138-139

### HYMN OF PRAISE

pgs. 139-140

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**A** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray,

**A O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*pg. 142*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

**A Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**A** Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

*“Outreach”*

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Touch That Soothes and Heals”*

ACS 939

#### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**L** God has made us God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**A** 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**

**L** Hear us, O God.

**A** Your mercy is great.

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A** And also with you.

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#### **OFFERING**

*“Blessed Are Those”*

Keith Irwin

*(Offering baskets are located in back of the sanctuary)*

#### **DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

ELW 885

## OFFERING PRAYER

L Generous God,

**A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION

*(Psalm 104 adapted)*

L Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

**A You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

L You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

**A You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

L You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**A The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

L When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

**A People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

L O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**A May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

L I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**A I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*

ELW 389

### DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**A Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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