



# Salem Lutheran Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

Assistant Minister: P. Aaron H.  
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Communion: Judy H., JR B., Kay T.

April 19, 2026

9:30 am

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**A Amen.**

L Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**A You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**A You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**A You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”*

ACS 977

### 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. 140-141

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**A O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 PETER 17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*pg. 142*

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-16, 30-35** (13-35 will be read aloud)

*pew bible pgs. 860-861*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*“Breaking Bread”*

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Day of Arising”*

ELW 374

**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 Merciful God,

**A receive our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

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**OFFERING**

*“To God Be the Glory”*

*Judy Nelson*

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

**DOXOLOGY**

*“Earth, Earth, Awake!”*

ACS 937, v. 4

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**A Amen.**

### LAMB OF GOD

pg. 146

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*"In the Singing"*

ELW 466

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Shepherding God,

**A you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

ELW 369

### DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia.

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

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