

## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT SALEM

### Monday

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. ABA55 Carpool to Annandale Art and Textile Center

1-4 pm. Salem Clinic Hours  
Choir Rehearsals, Confirmation, Youth Group,  
Wednesday Night Supper

### Thursday

Noon COP House Yoga

### Saturday

8:30 a.m. Great River Women's Spring Gathering  
10 a.m. Strides for Care 5K

### Sunday, April 5 | Easter

8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship  
9:30 a.m. Kids' Egg Hunt, Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser  
10:30 a.m. Sacred Space

### Sunday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship  
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum: Ramadan  
10:30 a.m. Sacred Space  
1 p.m. Community Drum Circle

### Sunday, April 19

8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship  
10:30 a.m. LuMin Blessing of the Bicycles  
Noon How to Church

- **Worship lasts about an hour.**
- **Kids** are always welcome at Salem! We have a Playground on the left-hand side of the sanctuary for young kids who want to play during worship.
- **Hearing devices** are available from the sound booth at the back of the church.
- The church is **wheelchair-accessible**. There is a wheelchair in the Gathering Area.
- **Red hymnal** = Evangelical Lutheran Worship red hymnal. Leader speaks unbolded type; congregation speaks boldface type.
- Weekly **Communion** is an invitation from God. Christ is the host at the Table. You are invited by Christ as you feel called.
  - When Christ calls you to the table, he calls you to his family through Baptism. If you are not baptized you are invited to speak to the Pastor about baptism preparation. When we say, "Join our communion!" We mean both the meal and our connection in community!
  - If you are not ready to join the communion, please receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as you approach the pastor.
  - Children are invited to the table for a meal or blessing at the discretion of their adults.
  - Gluten-free and alcohol-free elements are available. Raise one finger when you approach the server to indicate your preference for these elements.
  - If you are unable to approach the table, the servers will bring communion to you. Simply raise your hand after the line has moved through.
- We collect **offering** as a way to share the gifts we have first been given by God.
- **All worship services are livestreamed.** Feel free to join us in person or online.
- **If you want future contact** from Salem, fill out the contact card in your pew and return it in the offering basket or slide it under the church office door.

*Next Sunday: John 20:19-31*

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## Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Easter Sunday



**April 5, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.**

### The Triduum | The Third Day

*We begin our worship in quiet and darkness. The Biblical day begins at dusk and ends at dusk. This morning we awaken to wander into the empty tomb with the women. For we are about to discover the greatest accomplishment of all time ... Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever.*

*Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt | Assisting Minister: Vicar Kristyn Demers  
Caring Minister: Pastor Gabin Gitangwa*

### PRELUDE

"Christ Arose"  
Richard Lowry  
Brass Ensemble

*We begin our worship in the quiet and darkness of the empty tomb. Please keep silence during the prelude music and prepare your hearts and minds for worship this joyous morning.*

*Please stand*

### LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Rejoice, now, all heav'nly powers! ... Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

... Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
Red hymnal #365

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. 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. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE ANTHEM

“An Easter Fanfare”

Sanctuary Choir  
Stephanie Otremba, Director

## THE READING

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17  
NRSV – Updated Edition

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

## KIDS' CONNECTION

“Blessed Is the One”

Purple hymnal #929

## SERMON

Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

*Please stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Red hymnal #367, v 1, 2, 4

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

*Please sit*

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

“What Wondrous Love”  
arr. Christina Hoffman  
Andrew Campbell, trumpet

*Please stand*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Lord's Prayer  
Lamb of God**

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*Please sit*

## SHARING THE MEAL

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Red hymnal #379

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand*

## BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Red hymnal #385, v 1, 2, 3

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Fifth Symphony”

C.M. Widor