

## 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

- **Worship lasts about an hour.**
- **Kids** are always welcome at Salem! Feel free to let your children color or play on the tables or floor during worship.
- 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.
- **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**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt | Assisting Minister: Vicar Kristyn Demers  
Caring Minister: Pastor Gabin Gitangwa | Innovative Worship Coordinator: Naomi Dykeman*

### The Triduum | The Third Day

*As our creed says, "On the third day he rose again." This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Let us pray. 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.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In this room, we recognize the wilderness in the world.

**In this room, we trust that God is near.**

In this room, we hold on to hope.

**In this room, we hold on to each other.**

In this room, we sing, "Alleluia!"

**In this room, we trust that love is stronger than hate.**

So in this room, we celebrate.

**In this room, we sing.**

In this room, we trust that nothing can separate us from God's love.

**Let us worship Holy God!**

## GATHERING SONG

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**  
Red hymnal #365

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, **We come to you confessing that we are guilty of creating emotional wilderness spaces— Spaces of raised voices and slamming doors, Of judgments passed and accusations cast, Of cold shoulders and deep regret. We create these spaces when we feel threatened, afraid, or ashamed, Which is far too often given the promises you make to us. So draw us back to the beginning—where you created and it was good. Smooth over our wilderness scars and fill our veins with your love; For like the disciples on that Easter morning, we are running toward you. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, You have always been one who disrupts. You interrupt suffering to bring peace. You interrupt isolation to create community. You interrupt silence with the sound of alleluias. So today we ask that you would interrupt us. Stop us in our tracks with the good news that only you offer. Freeze time and move among us, so that we can hear your word anew until the sound of alleluias ring in our ears. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## POEM

"The Wilderness Is the Birthplace of Joy"  
Prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## THE READING

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17  
The Message Translation

Matthew 28:1-10

## SHARING THE WORD

Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

We rejoice at the fulfillment of your promise, O God, and in gratitude offer here our gifts and our tithes, as a sign of our love and faithfulness. Bless them, that they may be a blessing that reaches beyond our wildest imagining for the good of the world. **Amen.**

## GOSPEL SONG

**"Easter Song"**  
Anne Herring

## CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY PRAYER

- For those who are hurting
- For the troubled situations of the world
- For that which we are grateful & celebrating
- For creation
- For someone we find hard to forgive or trust
- For ourselves

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE 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.**

## SHARING THE MEAL

**"All Who Are Thirsty"**  
Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

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 SONG

**"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"**  
John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Offering plates are available at the back of the Sanctuary.*