

A watercolor-style illustration of a sunrise or sunset. The sun is a bright yellow circle partially obscured by a thick, horizontal band of orange and red watercolor wash. Several thin, orange lines radiate upwards from the sun, suggesting rays of light. The background is a light, textured grey.

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REALity

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Second Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Savior Jesus, your victory over sin and death can be seen in your empty tomb Easter morning. Help us to know that your victory is ours in faith and bless our praise to you today. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: In most world religions, the foundational event was experienced by only one person. A self-proclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with God. The resurrection reality is very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), St. Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like St. Paul is telling skeptics, "Don't just take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead." The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord.

WORSHIP SERIES: The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is history. Since Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, we know the reality of his identity and victory. Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. Since Christ has indeed been raised, we know the reality of his promise. Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Jesus' resurrection brings eternal life and eternal hope. The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Two



(5 pm & 8 am) Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

(10:30 am) Preschool Anthem: God is Not Dead

Refrain No, God is not dead, oh no! But He's alive.
God is not dead, oh no! But He's alive.
God is not dead, oh no! But He's alive.
I know 'cause He's living in Me. (*Repeat*)

Verse He's living in my hands. He's living in my feet.
He's living in the air. He's living everywhere.
He's living in the church. He's living in my soul.
I know He's living in Me. (*Refrain*)

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Confession

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: This Is the Feast

CW 938 st. 1

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1 † Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!'. The third staff begins with a first ending bracket and the lyrics: '1 † Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose'. The fourth staff concludes the first ending with lyrics: 'blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Refrain'. The word 'Refrain' is written below the final note of the fourth staff.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Acts 18:1-11

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to

them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-4

St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead. This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion



Hymn: O Sons and Daughters of the King

CW 456 sts. 1, 4-8



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
4 That night th'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard that Je - sus
6 "Thom - as, be - hold my side," said he, "my hands, my



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."
had ful - filled his word, he doubt - ed that it was the Lord.
feet, my bod - y see; and doubt not, but be - lieve in me."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon

Based on John 20:19-31

"Looking for Jesus"

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



 [Connect Card](#)

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 [Give Online](#)

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn: We Walk by Faith

CW 830



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are with full and end - less sight.

Prayer

M: Grant peace to your people, Lord, that amid the stresses of life, we may rest quietly, knowing all is right with you. Since your Son has paid for every sin, defeated every enemy, and rules at the right hand of your throne in heaven, let us fall asleep each night in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: This Is the Threefold Truth

CW 824 sts. 1, Ref, 2, 4-5



1 This is the three-fold truth on which our faith de - pends;
2 Long used by saints of old, new - mint - ed for our time,
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or grief as - sails
5 This is the three-fold truth which, if we hold it fast,



and with this joy - ful cry — wor - ship be - gins and ends:
our lit - ur - gies con - fess the hope we — have in him:
our Chris - tian faith and love, and on - ly — grace a - vails:
chang - es the world and us and brings us — home at last:



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

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to grow in faith with us through Bible Study. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share
Bible Readings: Acts 3:11-20, 1 John 1:5-22, Luke 24:36-49
Hymns: 459, 440, 746



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For our guests

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together, and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, on the wall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome, too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

