

BECAUSE
HE LIVES

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Because He Lives –
We Live Lives of Lavish Love*

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: Almighty Father, in love you crafted a plan to save this world of sinners before you even created it. In love you sent your Son Jesus and in love you send your Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament still. Bless us and renew us in faith. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: By his death and resurrection, Jesus spared us from an eternity in hell. What shall we do to thank him? This week we see that Jesus asks for just one thing—love. He directs us to demonstrate the same selfless love that he has shown to us with every person we meet. That is how we thank him. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and instead live in a more excellent way. Like Christ, we strive to do everything for the benefit of others. Because he lives, we live lives of lavish love.

WORSHIP SERIES: It is easy to become so engrossed in the details of historical events—who, when, where—that we miss their significance. In this season of Easter, it is good we review the historical details that remind us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. Just as importantly, we celebrate Easter's significance. Jesus won! It is our privilege and pleasure to use the 50-day season of Easter to consider this truth: because He lives, not only is our eternity secure, but we have abundant resources to face the present.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Hymn: Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
joiice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

Please stand.

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

Congregation: Amen.

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: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Glory Be to God This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. 1-4



- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might
 be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:13-15, 18

The Psalmist praises the God who rescues us from our sin and sorrow.

¹³Sing to the LORD!

Give praise to the LORD!

He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked.

¹⁴Cursed be the day I was born!

May the day my mother bore me not be blessed!

¹⁵Cursed be the man who brought my father the news,
who made him very glad, saying,
“A child is born to you—a son!”

¹⁸Why did I ever come out of the womb
to see trouble and sorrow
and to end my days in shame?

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day: I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;
his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;
he hears their cry and / saves them.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The defining mark of Christians is not our gifts or sacrifices, but the lavish love we demonstrate as we use those gifts for the benefit of others.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:16



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **Refrain**

Gospel

John 13:31-35

The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same lavish love he has shown to us.

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Sermon

Based on Jeremiah 20:13-15, 18

"Love For Me"

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



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.



(10:30 am) Recognition of Diane Light and Debbie Hansen

M: Dear brothers and sisters, as you know, Debbie Hansen has accepted a call to a new field of service in Christ's church and Diane Light is retiring at the end of this school year. Today we bid them farewell and godspeed, and we look to the Word of our Lord for comfort, peace, and guidance.

Debbie, we believe that the call you received and have accepted is indeed the voice of your Lord calling you through his people to another field of service. As the risen Lord Jesus guided his first apostles to minister in various places, so also you, after seeking the counsel of your fellow Christians and praying for the Lord's guidance, are now leaving to serve in another part of Christ's kingdom. As you go, may the Holy Spirit continue to give you love for God and his people, so that you faithfully administer God's grace in its various forms for building up the body of Christ.

Diane, St. Peter encouraged God's people saying, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* St. Paul wrote about Titus: *"He is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ."* By God's grace and with his guidance, you have served as our school secretary faithfully for many years and have been a blessing to many. We praise God for you and thank you for your love and care.

M: Dear sisters, may the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

(All services) Prayer for Blessing

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your grace and wisdom you gave the apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed the flock of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire all servants of the gospel to carry out their tasks diligently and faithfully and move your people to receive their ministry with love and respect. We thank you for blessing us through Debbie Hansen and Diane Light's ministries here. Continue to use them according to your will. Protect them from trouble and give them joy as they pursue the labors of each day. We ask all these things through your Son, Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. God's people who agree, say Amen.

C: Amen.

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.

(10:30 am) Faculty Anthem

Go Now In Peace

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of evr'y day
Go now in peace, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
Good will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
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: Now the Light Has Gone Away

CW 784 sts. 2-3, 5



2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.

3 Let my near and dear ones be safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.

O bring me and all I love to your hap - py home a - bove.

Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Monthly WELS Connection Video

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs. Following the 10:30 service there will be a meal honoring Diane Light and Debbie Hansen's service with us.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Because He Loves: We Have Deep and Lasting Joy

Bible Readings: Acts 15:8-22, Revelation 21:21-27, John 16:16-24

Hymns: 920, 449, 557, 513

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, just to the left of the office hallway. 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.**

