

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of The Resurrection

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Dr. James M. Capers is serving as our interim pastor.

This is the Third Sunday in the Resurrection season; the resurrected Lord continues to reveal himself to those who believe him. He reveals himself in the common and mundane occurrences of our lives and draws us into a deeper relationship and understanding of who he is and who he can be.

Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary.

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

C Cantor

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James Capers

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

**All: We bring the sacrifice of praise
 Into the house of the Lord
 We bring the sacrifice of praise
 Into the house of the Lord
 And we offer up to You
 The sacrifices of thanksgiving
 And we offer up to You
 The sacrifices of joy**

The Welcome

Call to Worship

P Christ the Lord is risen.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Death has now been defeated.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Come, bow down and worship.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Give God all the glory.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

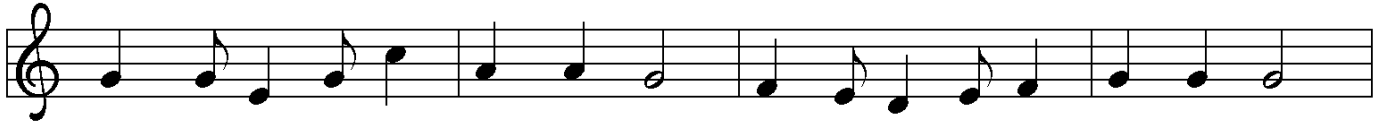
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Greeting

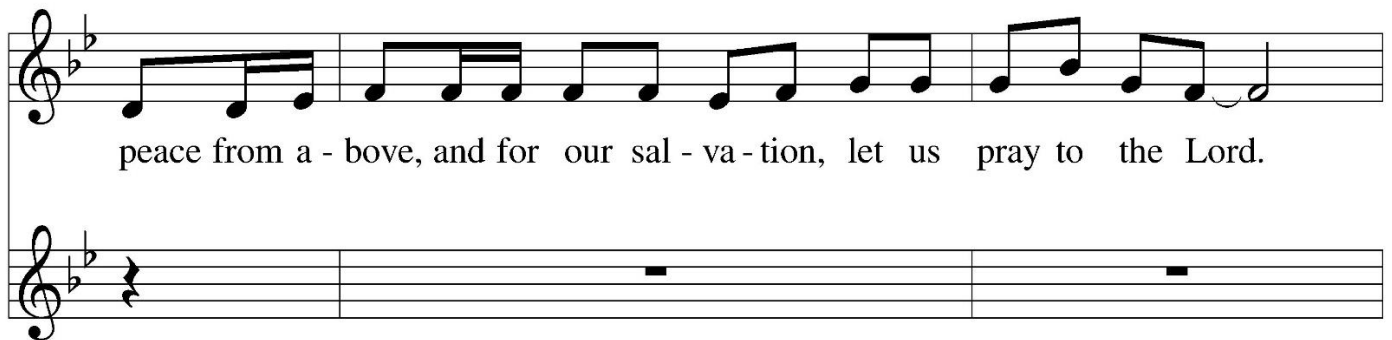
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

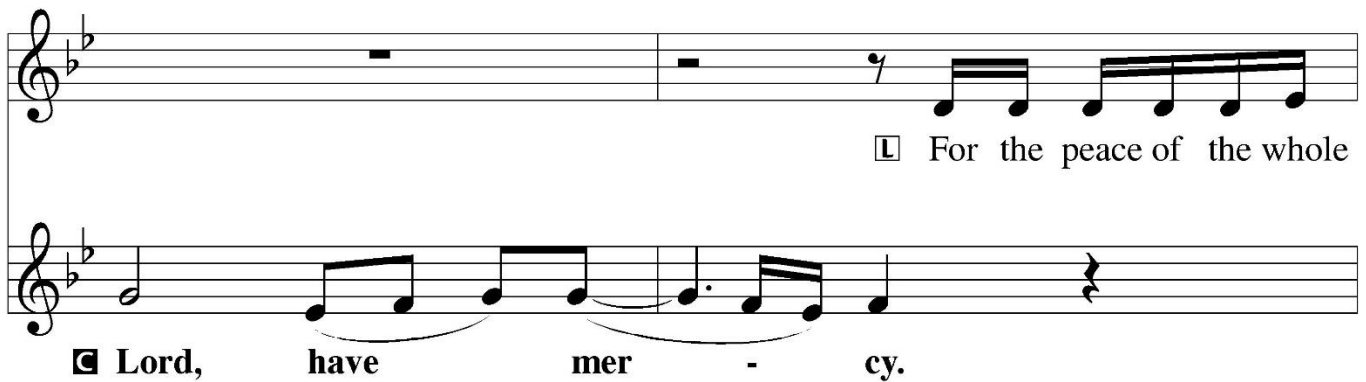
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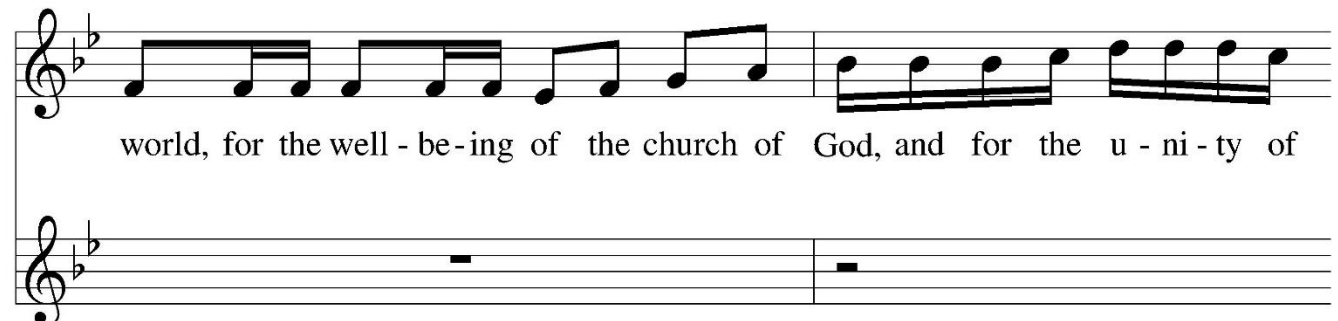
L In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **L** For the
C Lord, have mer - cy.



peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



L For the peace of the whole
C Lord, have mer - cy.



world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. L For this ho-ly

C Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

Canticle of Praise

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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Refrain

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

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.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



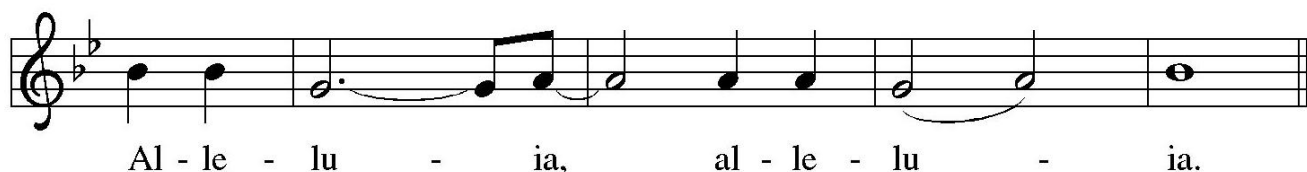
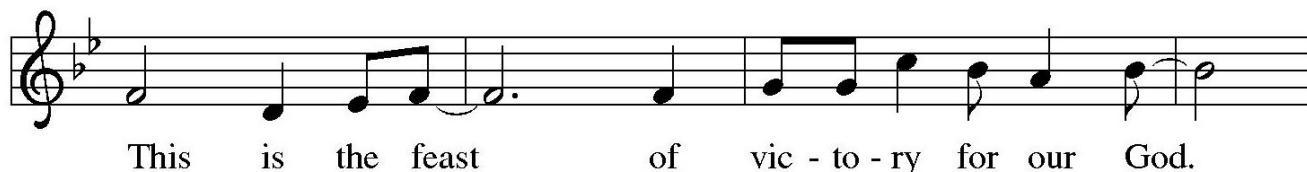
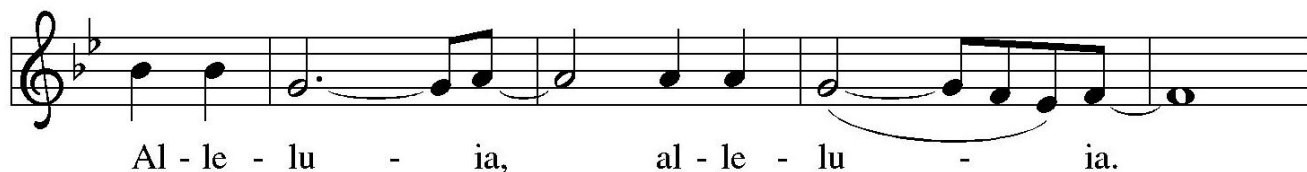
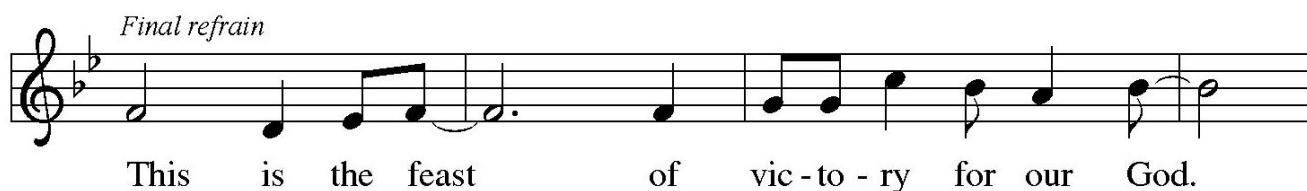
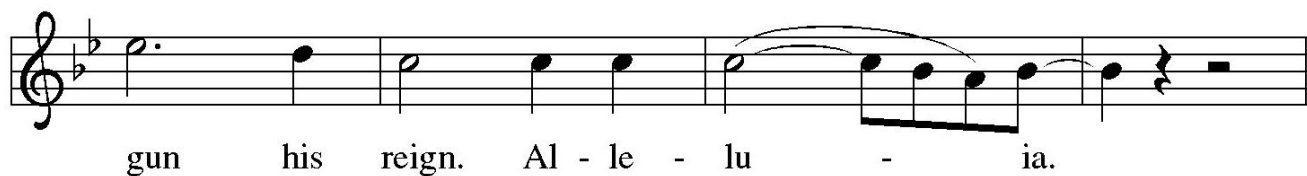
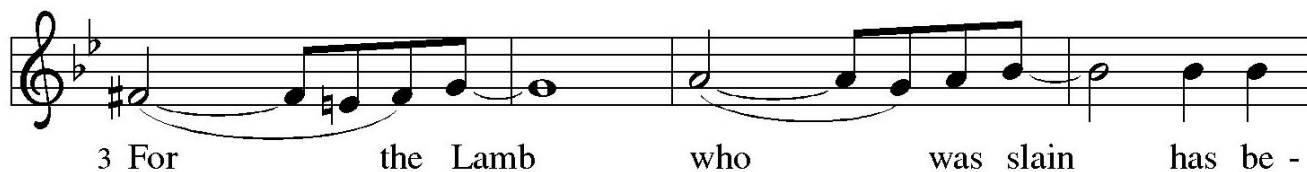
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

A ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
 you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
 and hear my prayer.

All ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
 how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

A ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
 the LORD will hear me when I call.

All ⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

A ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
 and put your trust in the LORD.

All ⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
 Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

A ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
 more than when grain and wine abound.

All ⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
 for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 173

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C Our hearts | burn within us*
while you open to | us the scriptures.

All Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

P The gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ

Song

Take Me to the King

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James Capers

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Sermon Pastor James M. Capers

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Cantor leads and we respond.

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Responses after each petition:

God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

ELW 884

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken Tune: One Hundreth

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The 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.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen**



Lamb of God

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The Communion

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

REPEAT

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Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

Announcements



SENDING

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing your Praises

ELW 535

Refrain— sung twice each time



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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