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# Fifth 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 Fifth Sunday in the season of the Resurrection. Jesus is shown to be that connecting link life eternal. As we remain in him we are able to bare much fruit in our lives.

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**

**Moreblessing Kadiyori**

## **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.**

(Silent Reflection)

**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

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

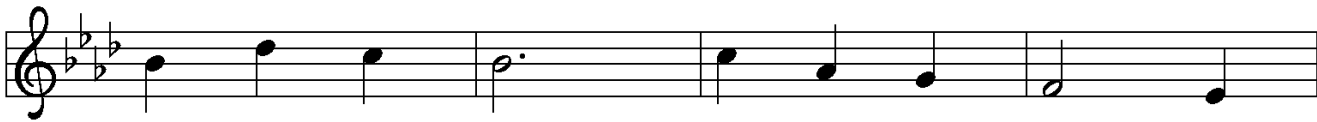
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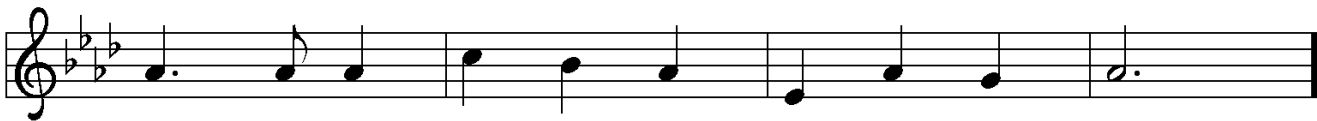
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

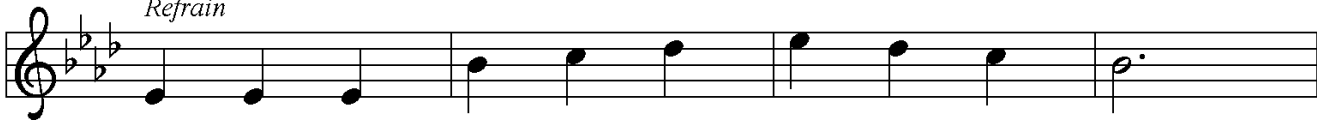


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

# 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.

# Kyrie

**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. **□** For this ho - ly  
**□** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

pray to the Lord.  
**□** Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

3

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

A - men

3

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.



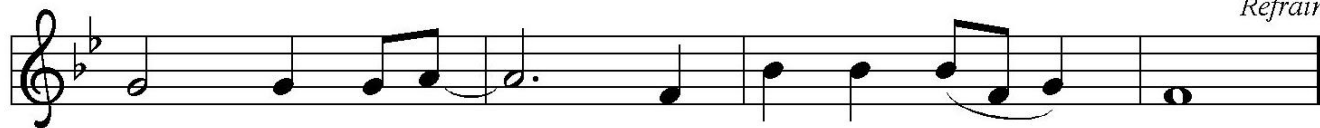
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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

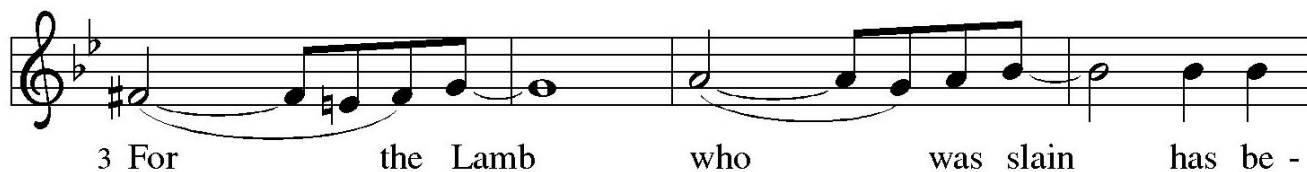


Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

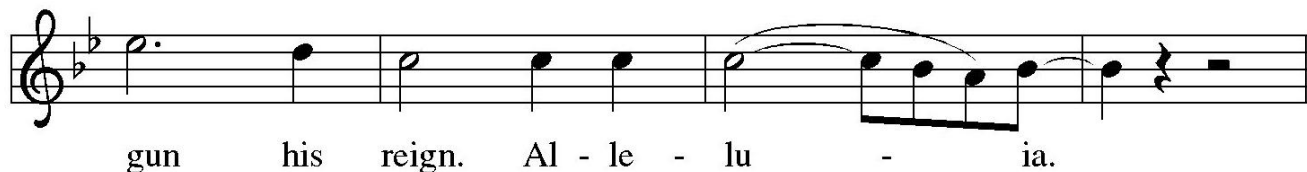


God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

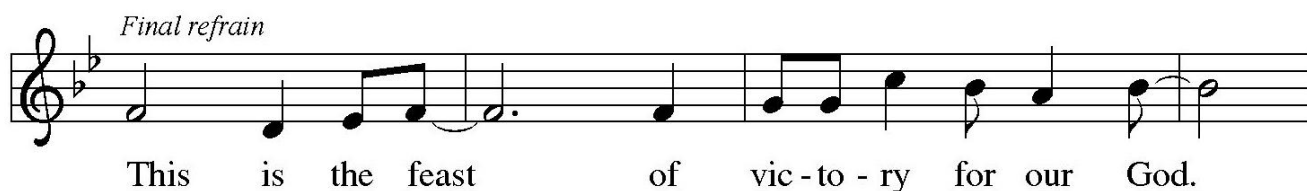




3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

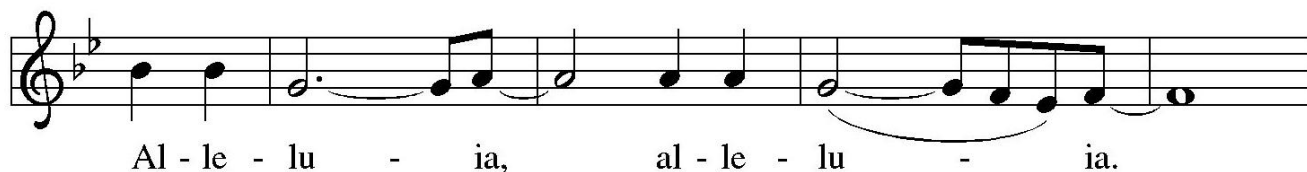


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

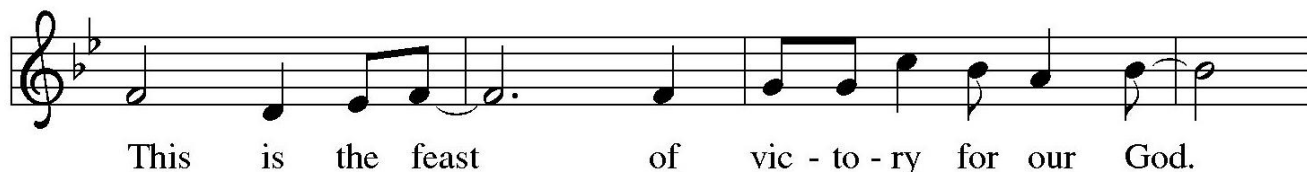


*Final refrain*

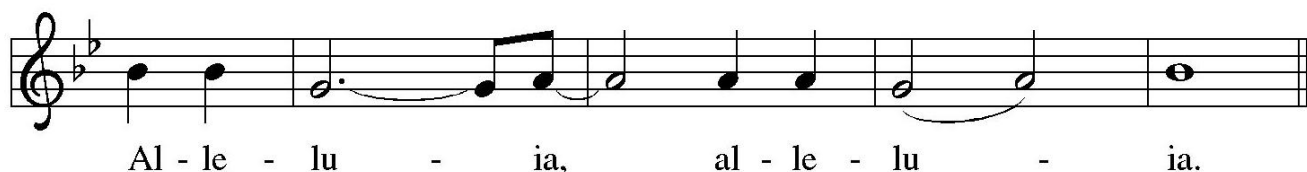
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



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



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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

## The Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 22:25-31**

**A** <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**All** <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**

**A** <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**All** <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

**A** <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel before the LORD.

**All** <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

**A** <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

## **Second Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**



## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW 173**

Music: Abraham Maraire © United Methodist Church Music Service, Zimbabwe.

**C** I am the vine, you <sup>I</sup> are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them <sup>I</sup> bear much fruit.

**All Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**P** The holy gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel John 15:1-8**

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

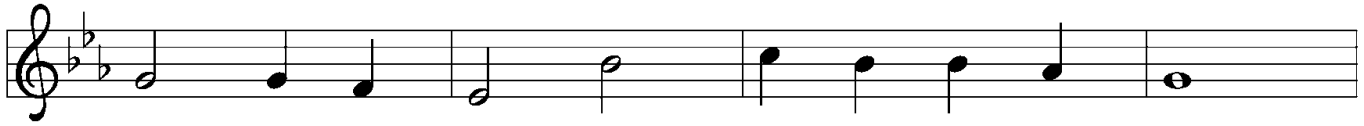
**All Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon Pastor James M. Capers**

# Hymn

## *Abide with Me*

ELW 629



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

PUBLIC DOMAIN

# **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.**

## *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



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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.  
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, sts. 1–3, alt.

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# **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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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# 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

## Inquirers Class

Sunday 4:00 p.m. April 28



No Saturday Bible Study on May 4.

## SENDING

### Blessing

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

**All Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## Send Me, Lord *Thuma mina*

ELW 809

First time verse 1 in English, then in Zulu. Remaining verses in English.



*Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma*  
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,



*mi - na, So - man - dla.*  
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Repeat "Send me" after verse 3.

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Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom is Coming*, 1984

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## Dismissal

**A** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# **April 28, 2024**

**Rev. Dr. James M. Capers, Presiding Minister**

**Dardhe Lake, Worship Assistant**

**Rachel Adolphe, Acolyte**

**Lee Ara Watson, Cantor**

**Richard Lomax, Drums**

**Donald Lockett and Bryan Reid, Guitar**

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