

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides over this service of scripture, prayer, music and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

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



We broadcast at 87.9 FM to the campus and New Augusta community. We have headphones available for those who need help hearing.

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P Presiding Minister A Worship Assistant All Congregation



Gathering

The bell is rung to announce the beginning of the service.

We light the candles.

PRELUDE

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Pastor James M. Capers

Recorded August 7, 2022

Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

(Silence for Reflection)

P Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

All have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

All Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

PUBLIC DOMAIN

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

A ¹ Out of the depths
I cry to you, O Lord;

All ² **O Lord, hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice
of my supplication.

A ³ If you were to keep watch over sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

All ⁴ **Yet with you is forgiveness,**
in order that you may be feared.

A ⁵ I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

All ⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those**
who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.

A ⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

All ⁸ **For the Lord shall redeem Israel**
from all their sins.

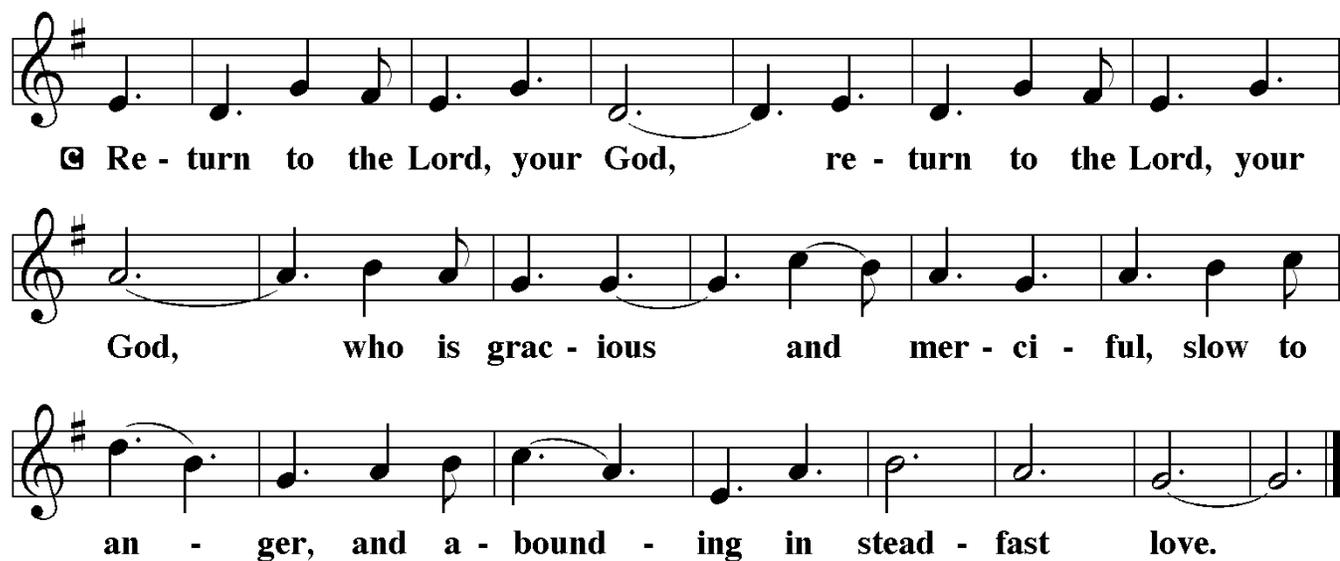
SECOND READING:

Romans 8:6-11

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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P The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

Arr.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Responses after each petition.

A Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

All **Amen.**

Meal

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG



☩ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

All Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

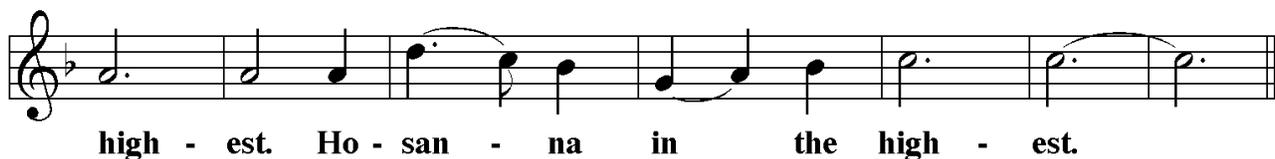
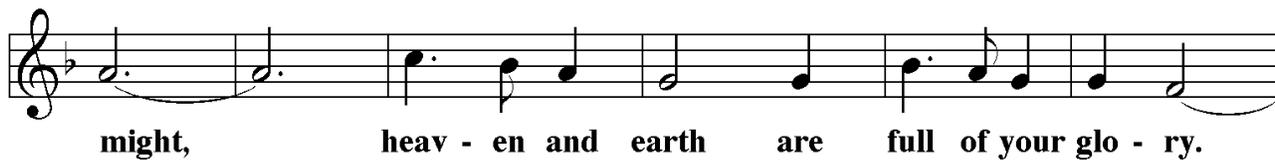
All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All Amen

**All 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.




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.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMUNION CANTICLE



☞ 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. A - men, a - men.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.
God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29 – 10:30 a.m. SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

April 2 – 7:00 p.m. MAUNDAY THURSDAY worship

April 3 – 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY worship

BLESSING

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✚ bless you now and always.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG

You Are the Way

ELW 758



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord

All Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Rosemary Rader

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Rev. Jeffrey M. Iacobazzi, Presiding Minister

Rosemary Rader, Music Director

Dardhe Lake, Worship Assistant

Racheal and Divine Adolphe, Acolytes

Kalamo Adolphe, Media Assistant

Devoe Slisher, Media Director

Laura Morgan, Altar Guild