

May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides on this fifth Sunday of the Easter season.

We are reminded from 1 Peter that in words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Rosemary Rader is our music director and Denise Chisveto is today's worship assistant.

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.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation

GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service.

Prelude

We light the candles.

Come, All You People / Uyaimose **The Ambassadors for Christ**

Salem Youth Choir with Pastor James Capers

ELW 819

Text and Music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwean Pastor

Recorded May 5, 2019



The Welcome

Denise Chisveto

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

All **Amen.**

P Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us including Little Eagle
Creek where our founders first gathered to worship.
Blessed are you.

All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

You Servants of God

ELW 825



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

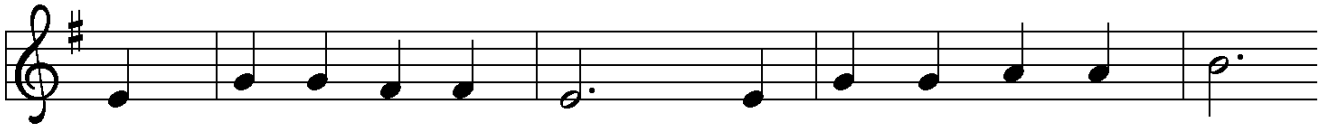
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Greeting

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.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

ELW Setting Ten

Music: W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

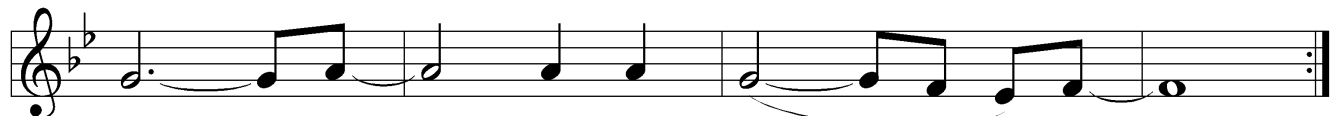
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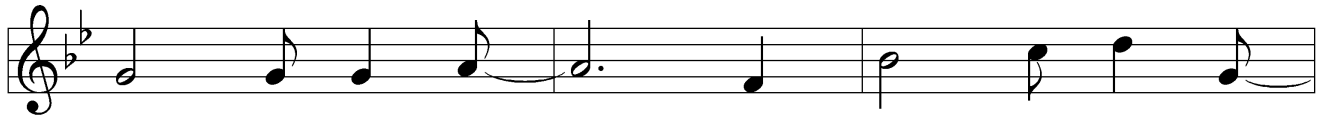
Hymn of Praise



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



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



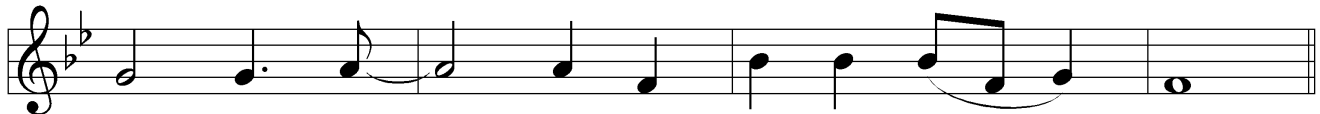
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



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



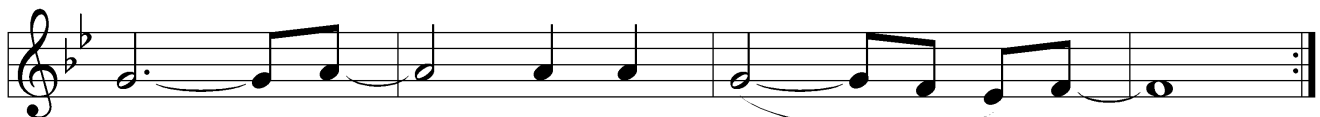
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



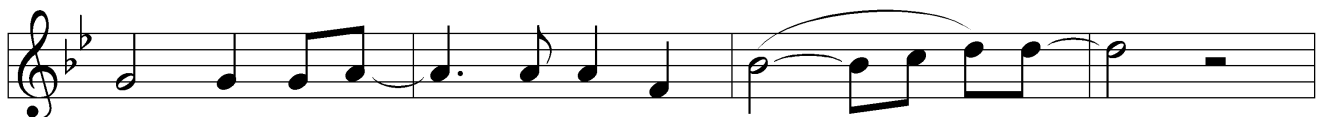
II This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



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



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



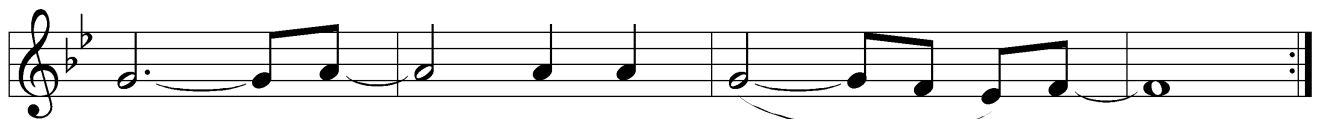
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



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



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



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



☐ For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



☐ 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.

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

A ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

All ² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

A ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

All ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

A ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

All ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

A ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

A The word of the Lord. **All** **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel John 14:1-14

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

Sermon Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

Hymn

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.

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

Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Responses after each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

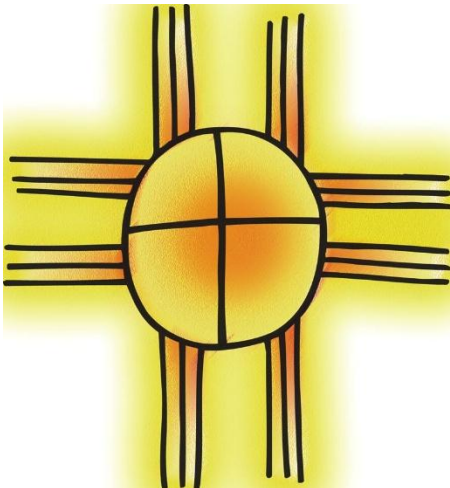
All **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All **And also with you.**


MEAL



Offering

Offertory

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

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A Let us pray.

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

All Amen.

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

ELW Setting Ten

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P This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.

This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your
peace.

The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,

for Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:
Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P Amen and amen:

All Amen and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Communion Invitation

P Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW Setting Ten

Music: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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The Communion

Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. 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).

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

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-joyce 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

Liturgy of Joy

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Prayer after Communion

A Holy One,
 through this meal you have made your home among us
 and are making all things new.
 Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
 to love our enemies,
 and to bring your healing to the nations.
 In the name of Jesus,

All Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

Benediction

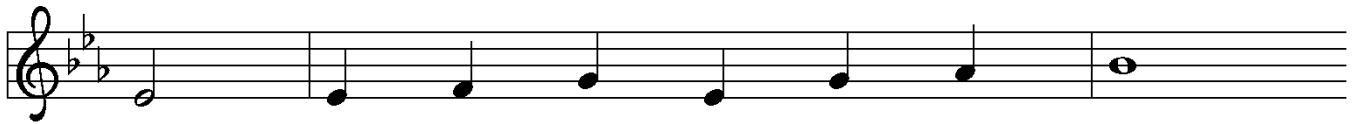
P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
 ✝ bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds

ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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