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**W**elcome! 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:** Savior Jesus, comfort me with the good news that my sin is forgiven and that my home is in heaven. Bless me today through your Word and inspire me to a life of praise and service. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** God makes the treasures of his house available to all, but he places them in the last place we'd expect—the trash. In God's family, the things the world prizes are counted as worthless. At the same time, the blessings of God rejected by the world are priceless. Consider Jesus Christ himself. The Father sent his greatest treasure—God the Son—to earth. Many considered Jesus to be a trash that needed to be taken out...a troublemaker that needed to be killed. Yet we know that Christ is the precious cornerstone that God used to build his house, the Church with the open door.

**WORSHIP SERIES:** When adult children lose their way in life, parents discipline in love but let them know the door is always open to be welcomed back. Likewise, when we wander from God, he keeps his door open for us too. But God doesn't just passively wait for us to return. He lovingly pursues sinners in ways that make them long for home. For over 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal in the season of Lent. In this 40-day journey to the cross and tomb, we see the surprising strategies our heavenly Father uses to bring sinners back home. He draws us close to him with loving discipline and an open door of unfailing love.

***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter

Piano: Abigail Ibsich

# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Two



## Hymn: Christ Is with Me

CW 681



1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death, that as he was raised  
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine, draw - ing life from roots  
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ, I no long - er live,



by God's glo - ry, we might walk in life made new by grace;  
rich in mer - cy, bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him,  
Christ lives in me; now I live by faith in God's own Son—



hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.  
one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.

### Refrain



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go;



nev - er to leave me, this I know.

Please remain seated.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **(10:30am) Sacrament of Baptism**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the 10:30am service.*

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."*

*The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:*

M: Alaina Mae Dorn, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

### **(10:30am) Exhortation to Parents & Congregation**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Alaina and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Alaina as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### ***Prayer of the Day***

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

*Isaiah prophesied that Babylon would trash Judah and carry them into captivity. Isaiah also prophesied that this would produce the treasure of spiritual renewal.*

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

<sup>19</sup>See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,

<sup>21</sup>the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

*St. Paul views as trash what most consider to be treasure and treasured what most consider to be trash.*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,



<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children’s Devotion

### Hymn: Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573 sts. 1–3, 5



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the  
5 When from the dust of death I rise to claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives’  
man - sion in the skies, this then shall be my



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.  
on - ly plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

## Sermon

Based on Philippians 3:4b-14

### “How to win by losing”

*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**



 Connect Card

*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.*



 Give Online

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

*Be seated.*

## Prayer

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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: Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head CW 861 sts. 1, 3



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-  
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for  
low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church  
splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things  
ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### **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 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

### **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: Dead and Buried: Surrender Buries Seizure

Bible Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

Hymns: 411, 416, 424, 429, 414, 410, 783, 405

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*Flowers in memory of Eliana Eudora Shah who went home to heaven 6 years ago.*

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## *Dead and Buried* **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is a time set apart to reflect on the most important events in history—the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we journey through this week, we witness Christ bearing our sin, guilt, and shame— leaving them buried in the tomb when he rises in victory.

**Palm Sunday Weekend** – April 13 (Regular Service Times)

**Holy Thursday** – April 18 at 6:30 PM (with Holy Communion)

**Good Friday** – April 19 at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM (with Holy Communion)



**Easter Dawn**—April 20 at 7:00 AM (with Holy Communion)

**Easter Festival**—April 20 at 9 AM & 10:45 AM

*Easter breakfast served 8 AM until 10:30 AM*

# 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 make a donation 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 your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly 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.**

