

- 1 There in
God's garden
stands the
Tree of
Wisdom,
whose leaves
hold forth
the healing of
the nations:
Tree of all
knowledge,
Tree of all
compassion,
Tree of all
beauty.
- 2 Its name is
Jesus,
name that
says, "Our
Savior!"
There on its
branches
see the scars
of suff'ring;
see where
the tendrils
of our human
selfhood
feed on its
lifeblood.
- 3 Thorns not its
own
are tangled in
its foliage;
our greed has
starved it,
- our despite
has choked it.
Yet, look! it
lives!
its grief has
not
destroyed it
nor fire
consumed it.
- 4 See how its
branches
reach to us in
welcome;
hear what
the Voice
says,
"Come to me,
ye weary!
Give me your
sickness,
give me all
your sorrow,
I will give
blessing."
- 5 This is my
ending,
this my
resurrection;
into your
hands, Lord,
I commit my
spirit.
This have I
searched for;
now I can
possess it.

This ground is
holy.

healing,
strength, and
pardon.

6 All heav'n is
singing,
"Thanks to
Christ whose
passion
offers in
mercy

Peoples and
nations,
take it, take it
freely!"
Amen! My
Master!

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet
one another in the name of the Lord, and
then remain standing for the prayer of the
day.*

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night
of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new
commandment, to love one another as he
loves us. Write this commandment in our
hearts, and give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all, your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the
land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for
you the beginning of months; it shall be
the first month of the year for you. ³Tell
the whole congregation of Israel that on
the tenth of this month they are to take a
lamb for each family, a lamb for each
household. ⁴If a household is too small for
a whole lamb, it shall join its closest
neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall
be divided in proportion to the number of
people who eat of it.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins
girded, your sandals on your feet, and
your staff in your hand; and you shall eat
it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.

¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt
that night, and I will strike down every
firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human
beings and animals; on all the gods of
Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the
LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you
on the houses where you live: when I see
the blood, I will pass over you, and no
plague shall destroy you when I strike the
land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of
remembrance for you. You shall celebrate
it as a festival to the LORD; throughout
your generations you shall observe it as a
perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm is read responsively beginning with Lector.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the
good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call
on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the
presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the
death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of
thanksgiving and call upon the name of
the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the
presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house, in
the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also
handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on
the night when he was betrayed took a
loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given
thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my
body that is for you. Do this in

remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way
he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as
you eat this bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VIDEO

*SCENE 73 "Passover" Scene 74 "The First
Communion"*

PRAYERS

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to
new life, we pray for the church, those in
need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence. Response to the
prayers: **Your mercy is great.**

Attend to the needs of the whole world
with your saving grace, and lead us all into
new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*As the offerings are collected and the gifts
brought forward the candidates for first
communion, sponsors and parents gather
at the front of the church.*

RECEPTION TO HOLY COMMUNION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly
Father, liberates us from sin and death,
gives us new birth, adopts us as children,
and makes us members of the body of
Christ, the Church.

In Holy Communion, at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink.

With this bath and meal we are washed and fed as we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents these children of God to be received as communing members of Christ's Church?

The parents and sponsors present the candidate with these words.

We present Makenzie Ann Budach, Austin Gerald Henderson, Gavin Paton, Cora Ann Sauer, Lane Michael Sprecher, Tori Marie Sterrenberg, Kaylie Sylvara, Tori Marie Sterrenbeg, Kaylie Sylvara, Hadlee Thompson, Hayden Kathleen Wempen to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

In Christian love you presented these children for Holy Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises are made. As parents and sponsors of these children it is your calling to keep these sacred promises.

- To faithfully bring them to the services of God's house
- To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- To place in their hands the Holy Scriptures

- And to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith

Do you renew your commitment to these baptismal promises? **We do.**

As members of this congregation and the priesthood of all believers, do you promise to support and encourage these parents and sponsors in the keeping of these sacred promises? Will you pray for them, encourage them and welcome them into fuller participation in the life of our community here in this place? **We will.**

We thank you, O Lord, for Abby, Emerson, Grace, Kate, Jersey, Landyn, Samuel, Avah, Ava, Gracie, Zachary, Hayden, and Dakota. As in Baptism you made these children your own, now make them faithful in the communion of your Son, our Savior. Bind us close to Christ and to each other by your forgiving power, bringing us all to that day when our hunger and thirst for your love will be perfectly satisfied.

Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

Come, Let us Eat

ELW #491

Leader or All

from the earth and fruit from the vine.
 Your word leads us across the sea to
 freedom, and you have carried us
 together to these Holy Three Days.
 Blessed be God forever!
 Blessed be God forever!

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

Blessed are you, O living God, for your
 glory revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our
 Servant, who washes our feet with love.
 He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away
 our sin. He is our host. He posted this meal,
 offering us the cup of salvation.
 God's might - y word.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
 thanks;
 Our Lord's bod - y let us take
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink
 In the pres - ence of our Lord saying:
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in Take and eat; this is my body, given
 for you.

All

Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
 thanks,
 our Lord's bod - y let us take
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink
 in the pres - ence of our Lord and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in This cup is the new covenant in my
 blood,

Offering Prayer

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space. You bring forth bread

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed be God forever!
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, O living God, for the gift of your loving Spirit. Fill this meal with the life of your Son. Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need. Bring us

with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.

Blessed be God forever!
Blessed be God forever!
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

My

Song is Love Unknown

ELW #343

Our youth who have just received their First Communion will aid the Altar Guild in the Stripping of the Altar. When all the items have been removed the service has ended and all should leave in silence.

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| 1 | My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? | would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend! |
| 2 | He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own | 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry. |

4 We cry out;
we will have
our dear Lord
made away,
a murderer to
save,
the prince of
life to slay.
Yet cheerful
he to suff'ring
goes
that he his
foes from
thence might
free.

5 In life no
house, no
home
my Lord on
earth might
have;
in death no
friendly tomb
but what a
stranger
gave.

What may I
say? Heav'n
was his home
but mine the
tomb
wherein he
lay.

6 Here might I
stay and
sing—
no story so
divine!
Never was
love, dear
King,
never was
grief like
thine.
This is my
friend, in
whose sweet
praise
I all my days
could gladly
spend!

from 9am to 10:30am. Please contact
Jennifer Sauer at 641.903.1847 if you are
able to assist. Thank you!

**Holy Week Prayer Vigil Thursday, April
18th, 8:00 p.m. – Friday, April 19th, 7:00
p.m.**

Mark 14:37-38 “Jesus came and found his
disciples sleeping, and he said to Peter,
“Simon, are you asleep? Could you not
watch one hour? Watch and pray that you
may not enter into temptation.”

Prayer is an important part of our
discipleship. Consider signup up for an
hour of prayer individually or as a couple
or family group. The prayer vigil will be
held in Salem’s Chapel. Signup sheet is in
the narthex.

Good Friday Worship Friday, April 10
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Service

Saturday Worship
**April 11 - 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the
Chapel**

Easter Sunday Worship Sunday, April 12
8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship

<p>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey Organist: Ruth Sheldon</p>	<p>Acol Altar</p>
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Seeking Easter Breakfast Volunteers:

Youth board is seeking volunteers for
Easter Breakfast. We will have 2 shifts...

7:30am to 9:30am and 9:30am to
11:30am. The breakfast will be served



Jesus washes the disciples' feet
John 13:1-20



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts - Lounge

6:00 p.m. 5th Grade Family Meal

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday/5th Grade 1st

Communion Service - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Worship

Service – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Communion

Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:00-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast –

Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Contemporary

Communion Service – Sanctuary

The Last Supper

Below are some sentences taken from Matthew 26:17-30. Fill in the blanks to find the answers for the crossword puzzle.

I will keep the (5) _____ at thy house with my disciples.

One of you shall (1) _____ me.

Take, eat; this is my (6) _____.

(4) _____ ye all of it.

For this is my (3) _____ of the new testament, which is

(2) _____ for many for the remission of sins.

