



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

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GATHERING

Prelude

*Sonata in A*

Mozart

Bells

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for local water sources.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW #367

Greeting

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.**



### INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

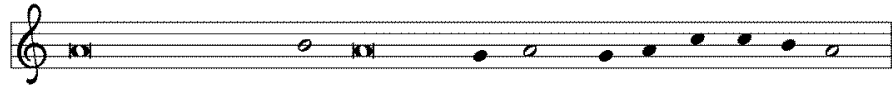
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



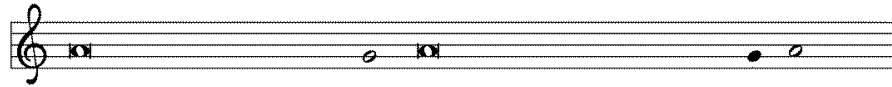
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For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



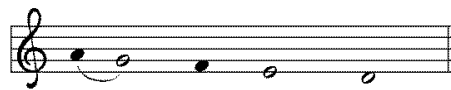
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



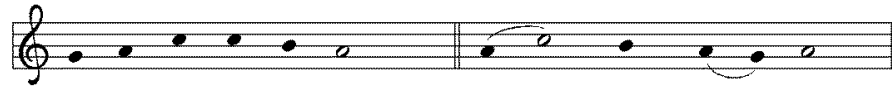
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



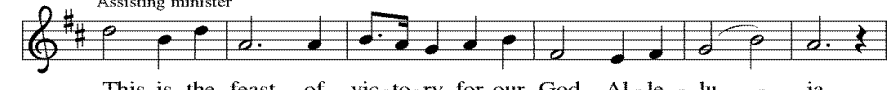
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

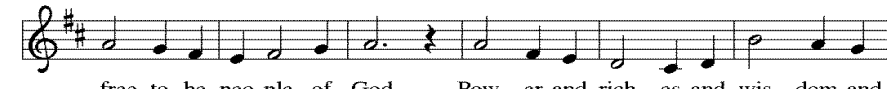
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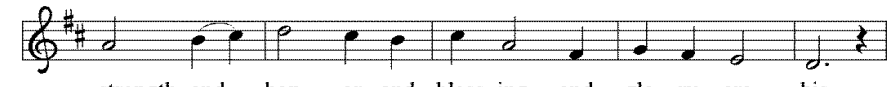
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



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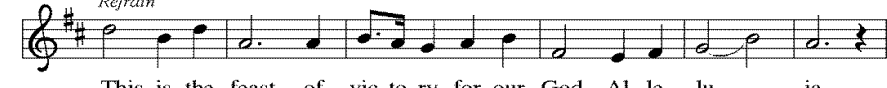


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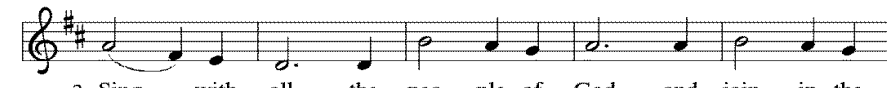


strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

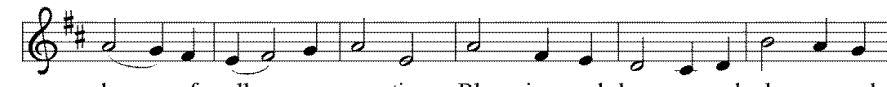
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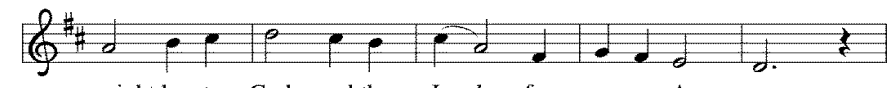
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

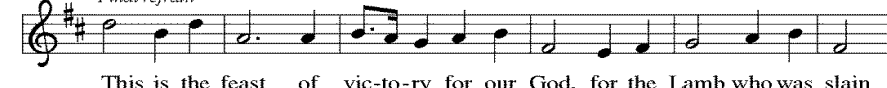


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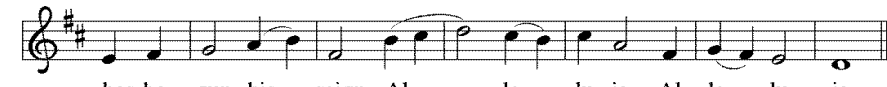


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**First Reading****Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 4                      The Psalm will be read responsively beginning with the women**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”**

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**Second Reading****1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation****Gospel****Luke 24:36b-48**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon****Hymn of the Day***Come, Let Us Eat***ELW #491****Affirmation of Faith***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

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*      *Response after each petition: hear our prayer*

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PEACE

*All may greet each other with a sign of peace*

### MEAL

#### Offering

#### Musical Offering

*Bread of the World*

Senior Choir

#### Offering Song

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW #184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. 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. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

#### Offering Prayer

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
It is indeed right, our du-ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al-mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection  
of our Sav-ior Je-sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself  
to take a-way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in ris-ing has brought us to e-ter-nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the  
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

### The 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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

### Communion Song *Lamb of God*

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.

**Prayer After Communion**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

**ELW #377**

**Special Music**

*A Blessing*

**Senior Choir**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Ushers:** Lyle & Orloue Thomson

**Reader:** Drake Abbey

**Acolytes:** Josie Gilbertson and Megan Knudtson

**Communion Server:** Jill Budach and Jennifer Sauer

**Altar Guild for April:** Shelley Hagenson and Pat Young

**The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Elsie Ann Ritter’s 7th birthday, from her grandparents, Dave & Mary Peterson**

**The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.**

**Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City.** The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

**CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR 2018 DATE - 592.1771. Cost for 2018 is still \$83**

**2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:**

**May 6, 20, June 17, July 8, 15, Aug. 5, Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 23, 30**

**We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service.** Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2018**

**Salem’s Clothes Closet will be open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Mission Quilters meet Monday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Mission Statement Forum – Narthex

(Grab a cup of Coffee and a goody in the Fellowship Hall & join us in the narthex for the Forum.)

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. VBS Meeting – Winnebago Lutheran Church

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

2:30 p.m. One Vision Meeting - Library

5:30 p.m. 7/8th Grade Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Choir – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. St. Pat’s Youth Room – Room #9

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19** 11:30 a.m. WELCA Guest Day – Fellowship Hall

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

12:30 p.m. Richard Biehl Visitation - Narthex

1:30 p.m. Richard Biehl Celebration of Life – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21** 5:30 p.m. Casual Service

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall

9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service – Sanctuary (4 year olds – 2nd Grade Sing)

7:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting – Library

**Readings for next week:** Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

**Those worshipping April 7/8: 176**

**Church Dashboard for Contributions 4/10/2018:**

**Last Sunday, 4/8/18: \$3,620**

**Year-to-date as of 4/10/18: \$75,266 - Last year as of 4/10/17: \$84,441**

**Difference year-to-date: -\$9,175 (or) -10.9%**

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**Living Waters Cluster Spring Salad Luncheon Saturday, April 21 at 9am to 12:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City. GoServ Global will share their projects. Contact Margaret Okland if going.**