

Salem & Sauk Valley Lutheran Churches
Easter Sunday – March 31st, 2024 at Salem Lutheran

Prelude Emily Larson
Welcome & Announcements

Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Praise #231

Apostolic Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

P: As often as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, let us examine ourselves, that we may eat of the bread and drink of the cup, receiving in faith the grace of God which is poured out upon us through this holy supper.

(Based on 1 Corinthians 11:27-28)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Lost in our own selfish concerns, we have often failed to consider the needs of those around us. We pray that you would open our eyes to one another, and strengthen the communion we share as fellow members of the body of Christ. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. For here in the Sacrament, you receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and conveys God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power. (From Luther's Large Catechism)

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Psalm: 118:12, 14-24

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C : 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 of 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 Christian 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.

Children's Message & Noisy Offering “Jesus Loves Me”
Offering & Offertory Concordia #404

Hymn “Christ Arose” Praise #232

Sermon Pastor Lexy Carson

Hymn “Because He Lives” Praise #238

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition: P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

C: *We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is meet and right so to do.*

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising you and singing:

C: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Word's of Institution

Lord's Prayer & Distribution

Benediction

P: May Almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore your life in the victory of his Son.

C: **Amen.**

P: May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, give you his Word of new life, that you might be strengthened by the power of his resurrection to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: May God the Holy Spirit, who creates, calls, and gathers the Church in faith, keep you in God's baptismal promise this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Doxology/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sending Hymn "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Concordia #203