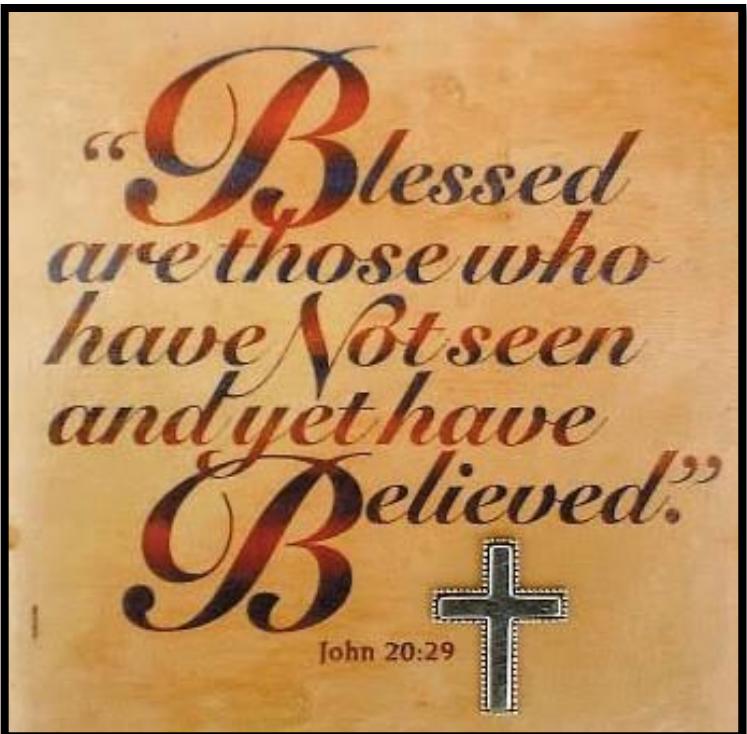


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 19, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Please stand or kneel as able.

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive 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. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, 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.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

PSALM 16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Spoken together*

Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. *Alleluia.* (John 20:29)

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O God

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Risen

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Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

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

SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and

Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives

ELW 380

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

With the continued unsettledness surrounding COVID19 and its disruptions we are not planning a newsletter for May – June. However, what we'd like to do is capture the Salem Church Families photos and written notes as to how you've managed through this time of crisis. This would become noted in our church's historical records and with your individual permission display your notes and photos in a digital album that would be posted to Salem's website. Thank you Darla for suggesting this as a way to capture this unprecedented time. Please forward your photos and notes (word.doc file sent as an attachment) to darla.lynch@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Cathy and Mark Hoefer for providing the music for today's worship service!

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Judy Newsome, the family and friends of Maeve Kennedy
Townsnd-McKean & son, Gideon, Phil Kulinski, Vicky Carter, Amanda Evans Deel, Bruce
Greer, Jerry Kiesling, Susan Whitacre, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick,
The family and friends of Opportune Chenou, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll,
Sandy Barthel, Alan Hahn, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert,
Thelma Presinger, Steve Sussan, Kathi Fuller, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet,
Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret
and Jerry Shank, Pete, Dewitt, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman,
Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher,
Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank
Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikian, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel,
Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Kevin Kolb, Carolyn Lynch, Donna Miller, Ray Morrison,
Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Stephen Smith, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason
Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth
Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.