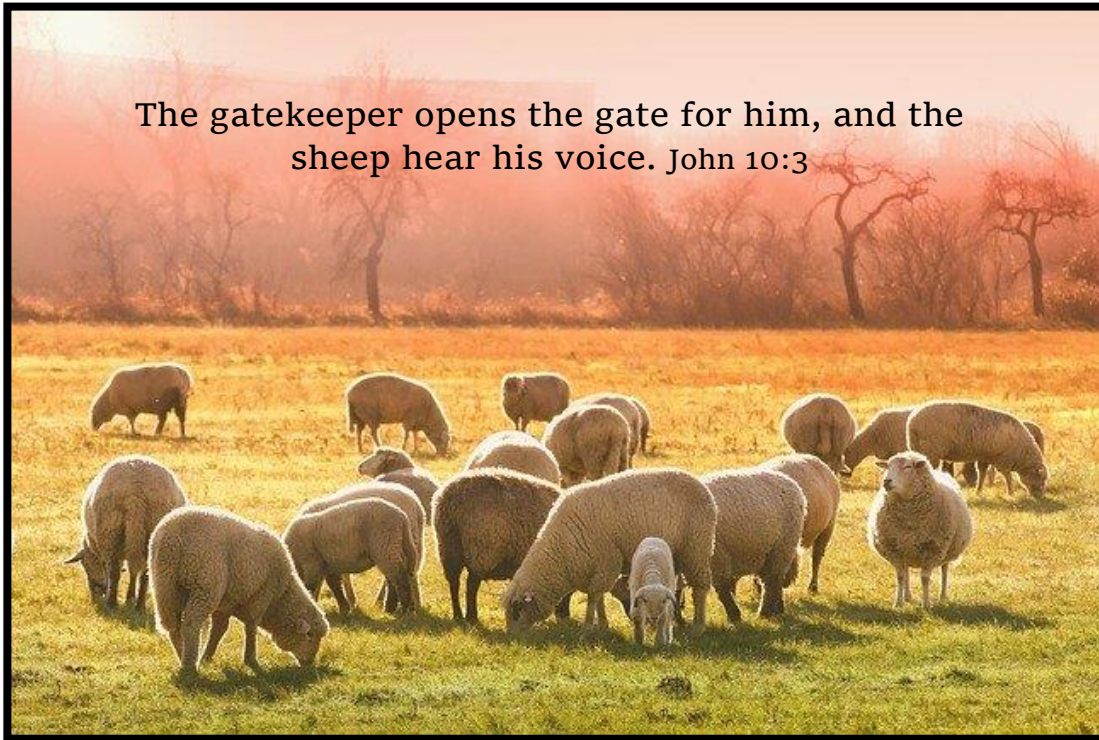


# *Salem Lutheran Church*



The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. John 10:3

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 3, 2020 GATHERING**

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

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION 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 those around us.

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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

ELW 778

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

**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.*

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

**PSALM 23**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Spoken together*

*Alleluia.* Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. *Alleluia.* (John 10:14)

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O God**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW 789

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.

#### 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.

**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**

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

ELW 545

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

++++++**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST**++++++

*See following page*

**If anyone is interested in a facemask**, Ruth Phoebus has about 25 masks she has made and is offering a mask to you. Please contact Ruth.

**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.lynych@yahoo.com](mailto:darla.lynych@yahoo.com).

**CORRECTION:** Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company HAS cancelled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cash Bingo due to the present crisis.

**Our Daily Bread Casseroles** will be picked up by Mary and Tom Regan on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. Please have the casseroles in the freezer at church before or by Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**National Nurse Appreciation Week** send an uplifting note of thanks to a nurse or care worker!

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Kimberly, Karen, Donna Miller, The family and friends of Mr. Mauer, Laura Riley, The family and friends of Edward Brown, Doug McDonald & parents Doug and Carroll McDonald, Judy Newsome, the family and friends of Maeve Kennedy Townsend-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 Preisinger, 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 Arikan, 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.*

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