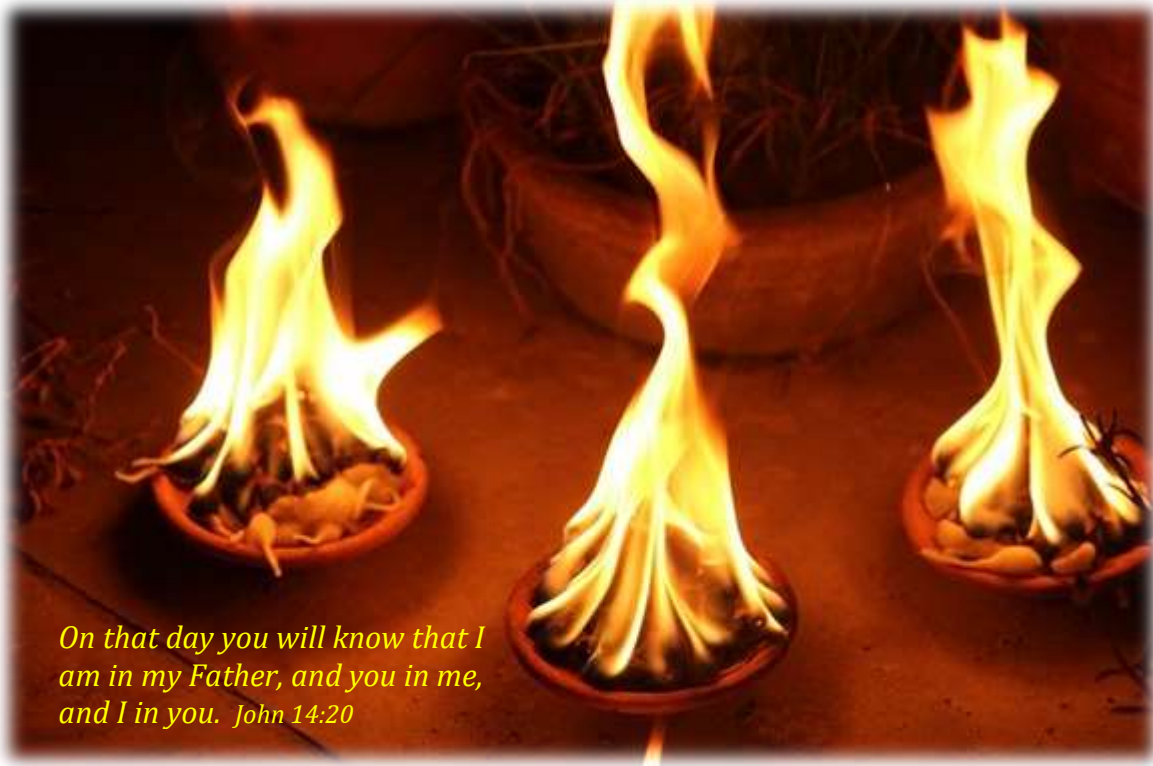


Salem Lutheran Church



*On that day you will know that I
am in my Father, and you in me,
and I in you. John 14:20*

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 17, 2020 GATHERING

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

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

PSALM 66:8-20

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Spoken together

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. *Alleluia. (John 14:23)*

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O God

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my

Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

ELW 360

Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do!

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

Love Divine, All loves Excelling

ELW 631

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; *(Continues on next page)*
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

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++++++

If anyone is interested in a facemask, Ruth Phoebus has made some and is offering a mask to you. Please contact Ruth.

Our Daily Bread Casseroles ~ 22 casseroles were collected and delivered on Monday, May 11th. Thank you for your abundant generosity!

Lenten World Hunger Project runs till the end of May. We've now purchased 22 pigs and there's time if you would like to send one or more to help our global brothers and sisters support their families.

DEMD Synod Ministry Fund is collecting donations to help our sister congregations who are facing financial need during this crisis. If you would like to write a check rather than donate online, you may send your donation to Salem and we will write one large check to the Synod by June 30th. Each dollar donated up to \$100,000 is being matched. On Giving Tuesday, May 5th Over \$12,000 was donated toward the goal.

The *Stitchers* are looking specifically for green colored and yellow colored beer bottle tops for one of their Fall Craft Fair crafts. They also appreciate your crafts you may be creating in this time of being at

home. And, would you keep in mind the yard sale as you clean closets, garages and basements? Lynn Cox and Ruth Phoebus are the contacts.

DEMDSynod Resurrection Living and Giving Workshop is being offered to clergy and congregation members. This 90 minutes event is free.

- Saturday, May 23, 10-11:30am
- Everyone is invited to attend
- Must register to attend this free workshop and to receive the zoom link

Workshop will offer resources on pastoral guidance around grief, loss and hope, and legal guidance on basics of estate planning and gift planning guidance to help you provide for family and the ministries and efforts you love.

To register online:

DEMDSynod.org/connectedness/generosity-abundance/resurrection-living-and-giving-events/

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Pr. Dick Kiesling, The family and friends of Mary Davis, The family and friends of Stephen Smith, Kimberly, Karen, Donna Miller, The family and friends of Mr. Mauer, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Vicky Carter, Amanda Evans Deel, Bruce Greer, Susan Whitacre, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, 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, 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, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, 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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