

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FONTANELLE

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SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA
May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together (online and in person!) by God's grace).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

C: Amen.

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

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

*Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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+APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor:

*The right hand of God raised me up the hand of the Lord has triumphed.
I shall never die I shall live telling his deeds.*

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

We listen to the Word.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

PSALMODY: Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

*Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Reading of John 10:22-30.)

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!*

*Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!*

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SERMON

SERMON SONG

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(please stand for last verse)*

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.*

*You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.*

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Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

+CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

At the end of each petition:

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Praise God. Praise Him.

LBW 529

*Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise him, Alleluia in the highest! Forever praise him.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Clap your hand, rejoicing; strike your harps, resounding;
Raise your voice, recalling ev'ry mercy falling.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Zion, you savior comes to you.
He will seek and find you though you try to evade his searching.
Zion, your Savior comes to you.
Come to meet your Savior! See his grace and favor!
He is yours forever; all to him surrender.
Praise God from who all blessings flow.*

*Zion, your bridegroom comes to you.
He is bringing with him for your marriage its true adorning.
Zion, your bridegroom comes to you.
Rise and take your treasure, yours is fullest measure;
Sing, for love has found you; joy is all around you.
Praise God from who all blessings flow.*

*Zion, your master comes to you.
There is all your service to be rendered, your self surrendered.
Zion, your master comes to you;
His cup, so dare it. His the yoke, so bear it.
His the sword, so wear it. His the load, so bear it.
Praise God from who all blessings flow.*

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of mercy and grace,

C: The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Continue to use our hands, treasures, and talents to help all who hunger and seek shelter in the storms of life. Bless these gifts as we pray that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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

We are sent from the worship service, to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead

+BENEDICTION *(please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

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+DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

+indicates congregation stands (for those able)

WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor
 Deacon Timothy Siburg --- Musician
 Isabella Woods, Cynthia Carter --- Acolytes
 Carrie Flynn --- Lector
 Volunteers needed --- Ushers
 Nesson family --- Greeters
 Technology Team --- Sound Room
 Carrie Flynn, Heather Ruwe --- Counters
 Christy Nesson, LuAnn Bell --- Altar Guild

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SUNDAY, MAY 8:	Fellowship	11:30 AM
MONDAY, MAY 9:	Quilting	9:00 AM
	Council Mtg.	7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 10:	Faith Circle	10:00 AM
	Rachel Circle	10:00 AM
SUNDAY, MAY 15:	Worship	10:30 AM
	Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Health Cabinet Mtg.	11:45 AM

MANY THANKS TO Timothy Siburg for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

CONGRGATIONAL SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bill Brown. Bill passed away on Monday, May 3 at Dunklau Gardens. His memorial visitation was held on Saturday, May 7 at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont. Please remember the family in your prayers.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS will begin the first week of June and run thru the last week of August. Worship will be held at 9:30 am with fellowship to follow at 10:30 am.

A CHANGE FOR WRITTEN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS- Any and all announcements need to be written by the person/organization that is making the announcement and need to be sent in a timely manner to our secretary Jody at salemfontanelle@yahoo.com. This includes any announcements for bulletin/Shalom newsletter and worship slides. Bulletins are run on Thursday mornings (at 9:00 AM), Shalom deadline is the 17th of each month - this includes anything that needs to be added to the calendar as well. If announcements aren't able to be in by these times, oral announcements will need to be made. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

PASTOR ALLISON AND FAMILY will be gone from Friday, May 13 thru Monday, May 16. For pastoral emergencies please contact Jody - 402 533 3175. Pastoral supply for next Sunday is Deacon Kristin Johnson from First Lutheran Church in Fremont. There will be no communion next Sunday but will be held on May 22 instead.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE. They are posted on the bulletin board - please add your name where you can.

HAPPY LADIES' DAY TO ALL THE LADIES OF SALEM - ENJOY YOUR DAY!

SERVANTS FOR WORHSIP, SUNDAY, MAY 15:

Preacher - Deacon Kristin Johnson;
 Ushers - Volunteers needed;
 Musician - Nancy Schroeder;
 Sound Room - Technology Team;
 Altar Guild - Christy Nesson, LuAnn Bell

Acolytes - Isabela Woods, TBA;
 Lector - Bob Kocher;
 Counters - Rod Gnuse, Cameron Mengedoht;
 Greeters - Nesson Family;

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