



EASTER
SUNDAY

Salem & Zion Lutheran Churches

We invite you to prepare your space for worship. Light a candle. Place a cross where you can see it. Fill a bowl with water and remember your baptism. Follow along readings in your Bible.

Easter

Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

We confess to you, risen Christ that we are broken creatures, bound by sin. Forgive us and make us new in the promise of resurrection.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. **Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day *see Celebrate Insert*

Please be seated.

Readings *see Celebrate Insert*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Response Prayer *Please stand as you are comfortable.*

"Thine Is the Glory," vs. 1, text by Edmond Bundry

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

The Nicene' Creed

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 from 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 catholic 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.**

The Prayers of Intercession *see Celebrate Insert*

You may be seated.

Peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering Prayer

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” v5, text by Bede

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!.

MEAL

For the season of Easter, we will celebrate Holy Communion, and we will be sent into the world by the words of Communion. When you are dismissed by the ushers, please follow the markings on the ground and maintain proper distancing.

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us!

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Come forward as the ushers dismiss you. After communion, you are invited to reflect on Simeon's prayer from Luke 2:29-32 and depart in peace.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal to you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

