



April 23-24, 2022  
Easter 2  
Affirmation of Baptism

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving). Or text 608-471-7267.

# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism... now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*HYMN "We Know That Christ Is Raised" #449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## **\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord 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**

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with  
the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your  
Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and  
strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      "Is He Worthy"      (10:30 a.m.)  
Jen Linse and Dean Olson

## **READING:** Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought the apostles, they had  
them stand before the council. The high priest  
questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict  
orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have  
filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are  
determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But  
Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey  
God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of  
our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed  
by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his  
right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give  
repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And  
we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy  
Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

The Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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." <sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

“Spirit of Gentleness”

# 396



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(10:30 a.m.)

### \*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

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.

*After a brief silence...At the **8 a.m.** service the **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better! At **10:30 a.m.**, the **pastor** will offer the prayer petitions.*

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Watch over your servants that they may be faithful disciples. Be with our confirmation students, especially Arianna, Gunnar, and Tyson as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

### **\*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 our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**\*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.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*HOLY COMMUNION All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## POSTLUDE

### CONFIRMANDS 2022

<i>Trevor Arentz</i>	<i>Aubrey Langrehr</i>
<i>Emily Bell</i>	<i>Andrew Larson</i>
<i>Turner Campbell</i>	<i>Leah Leren</i>
<i>Marissa Eckland</i>	<i>Mallory Long</i>
<i>Jayden Hansen</i>	<i>Ella Muellenberg</i>
<i>Emma Haun</i>	<i>Samantha Niemeier</i>
<i>Jessalyn Hickey</i>	<i>Carter Quackenbush</i>
<i>Makena Ihle</i>	<i>William Stefferud</i>
<i>Hailey Ives</i>	<i>Eve Twite</i>
<i>Owen Kendhammer</i>	<i>Lauren Zarecki</i>

*A very special thanks to our group guides for this class:  
 Kim Arentz, Jennifer Bell, Gretchen Eckland, Megan  
 Haun, Jacki Hickey, Carla Long, and Gillian Twite.  
 Thank you for your work, your commitment, and your  
 care for these young people!*

**COME AND WORSHIP:**

Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

**USHERS NEEDED:** Go to SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** at 9:15 AM  
for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sunday, April 24  
for PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Sunday, May 1

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY:**

April 27  
6 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
6 PM – 8 Grade Class

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** College scholarship applications are due in to Pastor Jon by May 2.

**REMEMBER:** to get your Sugar Creek Campership forms turned in to the office by May 5. Forms are available in the office or on the church website.

**WORSHIP SERVICE May 7 & 8:** Come join us as we celebrate new life, new hope, and just maybe a return to normal! Music by the SOS Band and Coffee fellowship between services on Sunday.

Check out the April newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more ...

**Masks are optional when you are in the building. Thank you!**



# June Dairy Days



Summer is coming and will kick off with June Dairy Days on June 3, 4, and 5!

Please save the date and plan to participate in one or all of the following ways ...

The **Fun Run** will be held Saturday, June 4.

- Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 AM.
- Runners/walkers are also needed! Soon, you will be able to sign up your family and friends to participate in the 5K or 5 Mile run or walk – watch for more announcements.



The **Food Stand** is back! We will need lots of folks helping out, so please answer the call to sign up for duties at the Village Park all weekend – we need grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help on all shifts.

Sign-up sheets (at church and online) for volunteering will be available as we get closer to the event.

THANK YOU for helping us return to our fun traditions in June!

**April 24, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Sunday after Easter can feel a little bit like a crash, a return to normalcy after a day of unmatched celebration. And yet this is where we live most of our lives: not in celebration, but struggling to make ends meet, doing our best to love our imperfect partners and kids, holding on to our faith in humanity when people do terrible things, and dealing with our own kinds of adversity, hurt, and loss. This is why we need to hear from the one who missed everything, the one who still has a lot of questions, the one who is not afraid to open up about his own doubt and fear.

It's revealing that the one thing Thomas asks to see is Jesus' scars. He is not looking for another miracle or celebration. His connection to Jesus is through his humanity, through his suffering, through the things that Thomas could identify with and understand.

Very often when we are at a crossroads of being trapped in our grief, depression, or anger on the one hand and the possibility of moving through on the other, the only person we can really trust is someone who has been there before, someone who has walked the road we are traveling and lived to tell about it.

That's why Christ stands among us today not as one who has finally escaped our humanity but as one who is still identified by those marks of love and sacrifice. We see in his wounds a reflection of our own pain. When we gather at the table to see and touch for ourselves, we know that the risen life he extends to us is real. No matter how many times we missed it the first time, Jesus reaches out to include us in the promise of Easter: "Here is my body, here is my blood. Do not doubt, but believe."

And we, for the first or the thousandth time, reply, "My Lord and my God!"(John20:28).

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