

# Saron Lutheran Church, ELCA

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## Fifth Sunday in Easter (Lect. 16A)

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*While we cannot gather in person, we can dedicate this time and space together to pray, hear the Word of God and receive the gift of God's Presence. Today, we will be sharing the Lord's Supper/ Holy Communion at your individual location. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a little wine or juice with you. Later in the service, the pastor will be giving thanks and saying the ancient words of Christ's promise to show up in these simple things. You will be invited to partake of them at that time.*

### Gathering

*You may choose to set out and light a candle, a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and bread/ cracker with wine/ juice.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

*Water may be agitated, splashed or poured into the bowl.*

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together.

**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.**

## Word

First Reading    Isaiah 44:6-8

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading    Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. And having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God.*

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Julie Brooks

Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



### Prayers of Intercession

*Response:* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

#### The 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.**

#### Receive Holy Communion

*Hear these words and partake of the bread/ cracker and wine/ juice: (You may repeat these words and give them each to another member of your household as well.)*

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

#### Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending

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.**

Hymn

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, holy One.

*Refrain*

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O, for sinners slain.

*Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

*Refrain*

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Welcome to this online version of Saron Lutheran Church and Blessed Easter! We are happy that you are worshiping with us this morning. We pray your worship is meaningful and enhances your spiritual life. Please check our website for regular updates during this time of dispersed worship.*