

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

August 14, 2022
10th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship

***Vision Statement: Centered on the Holy Bible,
we will continue to be a Christ-filled church
serving others near and far.***

GATHERING

PRELUDE

* Indicates those able to please stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

LBW P. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

Open Mine Eyes

GOLD 486

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

LBW P. 57

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the

Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**

LBW P. 57-58

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

LBW P. 58-59

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

LBW P. 62

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:23-29

²³ “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. ²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. ²⁹ “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

PSALM 82

- ¹ God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”:
- ² **“How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?”**
- ³ Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
- ⁴ **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**
- ⁵ “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ **“I said, ‘You are “gods”’; you are all sons of the Most High.’**
- ⁷ But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.”
- ⁸ **Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.**

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about

David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LBW P. 62

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The Gospel according **Luke 12:49-56**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”
54 He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. 55 And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. 56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lead On O King Eternal* LBW 495

***APOSTLES’ CREED LBW P. 65**

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 INTERCESSION LBW P. 65**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

(A brief silence.)

Lord God, *(prayers)* Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Gracious God, *(prayer)* through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *Create in Me* **LBW P. 75**

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** **LBW P. 67**

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** **LBW P. 71**

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**

CLOSING HYMN *I Am Thine, Oh Lord* **GOLD 455**

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL** **LBW P. 74**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

A Amen!

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

A Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad that you came to be with us today! There's a place for everyone here at Salem Lutheran Church. We are a family church that meets you right where you are. No matter where that

may be. You may sign our guest book in entry way. If you are searching for a church home, we ask you to prayerfully consider Salem Lutheran.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to all who serve in worship: Dave Winqvist, Parish Ministry Associate; Jeff Swanson for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman--organist; Shirley Polson--pianist; Rhonda Heinen--Lector.

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

August 16 - Salem Council meeting at 7 p.m.

August 28 - Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

Salem Lutheran Church service is available on Blue Valley Television Channel 3 on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Thursday, 7 a.m., Men gather at the Axtell UMC Church for breakfast and fellowship

Annual Women of the Word Conference - September 17, 2022 will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 19th St., Harlan, IA 51537. For additional information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PRAYERS:

For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Peggy, Donna, Kelly, Rebecca and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

***SALEM Stewardship message for the week of
August 14, 2022***

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost *“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”*
Luke 12:51 Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with

our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty....*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed **at the 8/7/22 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total Offerings \$835.00 Designated* \$0.00, Mission/Ministry \$835.00** Blessings for the gifts and to the givers. *Thank you for supporting Salem Lutheran ministries!*

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