

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00AM Worship Service

*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 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

LBW 474 – Children of the Heavenly Father

***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.60-61

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to 'God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? ⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

PSALM 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

² **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

⁴ **who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He

chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

***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 to.....

***GOSPEL:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C Glory to you, O Lord.

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many

other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder,²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 296 – Just As I Am, Without One Plea

***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, *(Pastor will say prayers)*

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Gracious God, *(Pastor will say a prayer)*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Let the Vineyards

LBW P.66

C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 68

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P.68

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE SANCTUS**

LBW P.69

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

LBW P.70

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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 bloodshed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us come together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

***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

THE AGNUS DEI

LBW P.72

C 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; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD...

LBW P.72

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

CLOSING HYMN

LBW 561 – For the Beauty Of the Earth

***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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About communion: We welcome all to the Lord's table who believe Jesus' words: "given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sin" to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. For where there is forgiveness of sin there is also life and salvation. Those not yet communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Trays contain both wine (darker) and grape juice (lighter). Gluten free wafers are available. Please let Pastor know if you would like to have gluten free wafers.

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.