

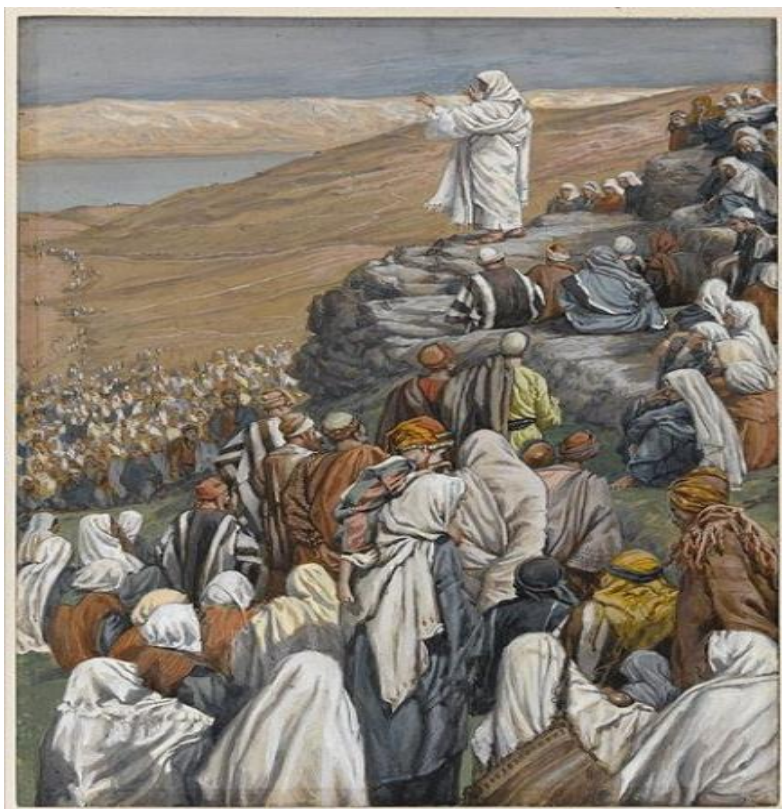
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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 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 us all our 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 O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE**

LBW 492

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*GLORY TO GOD****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 Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵{Moses said,} “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

PSALM 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!**

³Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only

in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LBW P. 62

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

***GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:21-37**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹{Jesus said,} "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again you

have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY *TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE*
LBW 406**

***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. 65-66**

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, *(Dave will say prayers)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, *(Dave will say a prayer)* through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Create in Me

LBW P. 68

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**

P God is light, and in him there is not darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

C: Amen

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 76

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

GOLD 495

***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!

C Amen!

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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. If you are searching for a church home, we ask you to prayerfully consider Salem Lutheran.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to those serving today – Dave Winquist, Parish Ministry Associate for leading the service; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Sophie Polson -- Lector.

PRAYERS -- For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Donna, Rebecca and her family, Benny, Jim, Clara, Pauline Fincham, Duane, and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

February 21 - Salem Council meeting at 7 p.m.

February 26 - Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Inez Swanson. Her family generously thanks one and all who helped and supported her during her life, and helping to lay her to rest at her funeral.

THANK YOU CARD RECEIVED – Thank you for the incredible gifts of hats/gloves/mittens/socks at the Frankfort and Centralia schools!!! Schools That Care benefitted from your generous gifts and stored them in our schools “care closets”. Teamwork makes the dreamwork! We are blessed! Thank you! Jayne Whitson, Family Advocate
(the card is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Thursday, 7 am, Men gather at the Axtell UMC Church for breakfast and fellowship

Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser for the Historic Frankfort Grade School window project. Pre-order and Take-out only. Pick up at Altstadt Galerie in downtown Frankfort from 11-1 on Sunday, Feb. 19. Lasagna, green beans, bread stick and dessert. \$15. To order call Carol at 785-927-9002 or Linda at 785-562-8062 no later than Sunday, Feb. 12. Homebound? We'll deliver in Frankfort. Thank you!!

Service of Wholeness and Healing

'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28

The Christmas decorations are down, and the family gatherings are done, but your heart is still heavy or troubled. The holidays are past yet that 'Blue Christmas' feeling lingers. The *Blue Christmas* service that was scheduled in December and postponed due to weather has been rescheduled and renamed to become a ***Service of Wholeness and Healing***. On Sunday, February 26, you are encouraged to attend this new service at the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort at 5 p.m. or the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington at 7 p.m.

A flyer about this event is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Salem Lutheran's Stewardship message for the week of February 12, 2023

This week's Stewardship message.....6th Sunday After The Epiphany of the Lord "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20 The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. ***Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!***

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were given and blessed at the 2/5/23 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total Offerings \$636.00; Designated Offerings \$00.00, Mission & Ministry Offerings \$636.00

All Offerings, Receipts and Reimbursements are counted and reported by Salem's Financial Secretary and later securely

deposited and directly applied by Fund Treasurers. Designated offerings are given to/for the purpose stated.

We are also thankful for your gifts and donations at any time through:

- ✝ ***The mail via USPS! Please mail your offerings if you choose this method to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2590 Navajo Road, Axtell, KS 66403.***

- ✝ ***Salem has installed a new, secure online TITHE.LY giving link! There are no fees to you for your gifts when made on this secure platform. TITHE.LY links will give you a secure electronic payment solution. The TITHE.LY connections will be on the Salem website at <https://www.salemevangelicallutheran.church> for Offerings and Gifts, then Donate Securely to Salem Online through Tithe.ly. - Thank you!***

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