

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 12, 2023**

**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 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      COME THOU FONT OF EVERY**

**BLESSING      LBW 499**

**\*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**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LBW P. 62**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

**EXODUS 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried

to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### **PSALM 95:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, | for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

### **SECOND LESSON**

### **ROMANS 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**\*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 JOHN 4:5-26**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman,

believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ROCK OF AGES**

**LBW 327**

**\*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, *(Dave will say prayers)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, *(Dave will say 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**    **GUIDE ME FOREVER, GREAT REDEEMER**  
**LBW 343**

**\*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 Winguist, Parish Ministry Associate for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Sharmon Polson – Lector.

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

**March 21 - Salem Council meeting** at 7 p.m.

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

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**St. Patty's Irish Baked Potato Bar** at Altstadt Galerie in Frankfort. **Sunday, March 12**, from 11:00-2:00 pm. Serving baked potatoes with lots of topping choices, side salads and dessert for \$12. Kids menu: mac & cheese, chicken strips and dessert for \$5. Sit-down dining or carry out. All proceeds will go towards the window restoration project at the Historic Frankfort Grade School starting in July.

**Benny and Jolene Ekstrum will be celebrating 40 years of marriage on March 12, 2023!** Matthew, Trina and Kelsey will be honoring their parents at a reception at the Marysville Berean Church on Sunday, March 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. If you are unable to make it to the reception but would like to send a card, their address is 1736 27<sup>th</sup> Road, Vermillion KS 66544

**St. Michael's Church in Axtell will be holding their annual St. Michael's Soup Luncheon on March 19, 2023.** Come and enjoy homemade chili and chicken noodle soup. Bread and pie serviced from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be games, bake sale, bingo, and children's games. The auction will begin at 2 p.m. Meal Prices: Adults - \$8.00, Children 6-12 years - \$5.00, Pre-school - \$3.00. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Fun for all ages!



**St. Michael's Ladies Guild, St. Michael's Church in Axtell** would like to invite the ladies of your congregation to a **Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast** to be held on **Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.** in our Parish Hall. Our guest speaker this year will be Kelsey Scism from Seneca. For an offering we would like all the women to either bring a canned food item to be donated to the Marshall County Food Pantry or a monetary donation that will be given to the Axtell Cancer Support Group. The sign up sheet in the narthex must be signed by **March 27** if you plan to attend so they can plan the meal.

**The African Children's Choir will be performing at Marysville Presbyterian Church (200 N. 10th Street) on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert. The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences. The "Just As I Am" tour combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness. In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining. The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive worship experience through song, dance and video story-telling!

**SALEM LUTHERAN'S Stewardship message for the week of  
March 12, 2023**

**This week's Stewardship message.....3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13*  
Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered." **Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!**

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**Mission and Ministry Offerings were given and blessed at the  
3/2/23 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total**

**Offerings \$1,134.00; Designated Offerings \$20.00, Mission & Ministry Offerings \$1,114.00**

*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 distributed for the purpose stated.*

**LENTEN & EASTER OFFERINGS** will be designated to care and support for earthquake survivors in Turkey. Your offerings will meet critical needs of survivors to provide food, water, shelter and medicine in the name of Jesus Christ. Please mark your Lenten and/or Easter offerings **earthquake relief**.

**Thank you for your gifts and donations given to Salem Lutheran ministries 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's 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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