

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 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 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**

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

LBW 377

***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

GENESIS 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David

also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."⁹ ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LBW P. 62

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

***GOSPEL**

P The Gospel according to **JOHN 3:1-17**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS*
LBW 107

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

Gracious God, (*Beverly will say prayers*) through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. 68-69**

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 blood, shed 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. 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

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**

P Beverly will say the prayer

C 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!

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.

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 Winquist - Parish Ministry Associate; Beverly Halliday for leading today's Service; Lisa Broxterman—organist; Shirley Polson—pianist; Iris Turnbull—Lector.

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

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

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**.

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 am, Men gather at the Axtell UMC Church for breakfast and fellowship.

Frankfort Community Care Home Benefit Soup Luncheon on Sunday, March 5. Serving from 11:00-1:30 in the Activity Room at the Care Home. Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef soups, drinks and dessert. Free-will donation with all proceeds going towards the purchase of a "new to us" wheelchair accessible van. Hope to see you there!

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.

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!

**SALEM LUTHERAN'S Stewardship message for the week of
March 5, 2023**

This week's Stewardship message.....2nd Sunday in Lent "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful." **Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!**

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were given and blessed at the **2/26/23 Sunday Worship service** (in person and online): **Total Offerings \$948.00; Designated Offerings \$205.00, Mission & Ministry Offerings \$743.00**

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.

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**

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