

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Atell, Kansas

**May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter
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**

ROCK OF AGES

LBW 327

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift

of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 11:1-18

¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' ⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. ¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' ¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

PSALM 148

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,
- ⁶ **and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- ⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**
- ⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
- ¹⁰ **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**
- ¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
- ¹² **young men and women, old men and children.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
- ¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 21:1-6

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

***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 13:31-35

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL*
LBW 126**

***NICENE CREED**

LBW P. 64

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
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, *(Beverly will say prayers)* Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Gracious God, *(Beverly 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 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. 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**

P Beverly will say the prayer

CLOSING HYMN

***GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE
AND SING!***

LBW 144

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to all who serve in worship: David Winqvist, Certified Laity Minister; Beverly Halliday for leading the service; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; John Polson – Lector.

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

May 17 - Salem Council meeting at 7 p.m.

May 29 - Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

CONGRATULATIONS Montana Heinen – on May 14th Montana received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree!!!

Thank you received: Ron and I want to express our gratitude and love to each of you. Thank you for helping load the truck, for the great meal and mostly for your love during our time together. We are not far away and even closer as brothers and sisters in Christ. My blessings to you all. Come and visit anytime and we will not be strangers either. Shalom, Ron and Pastor Cindy

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PRAYERS:

For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Peggy (Jones) Dial – niece of Duane & Shirley Polson in the return of her cancer; Donna, Jennifer (Dennis Droge's daughter), Inez Swanson, Ed

DeLancey and Scott Baker (brothers of Pauline Swanson), Kelly Olson (Allen Olson's wife), and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

Stewardship message for the week of May 15, 2022

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (JOHN 13:34)
“As I have loved you,” this is the hard part – Jesus’s love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to “love my neighbor” when they may be someone you don’t like, someone you don’t know or someone that doesn’t look like you. *In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed at the ***5/8/22 Sunday Worship*** service (in person and online): ***Total Offerings*** \$1,168.40, ***Designated**** \$253.40, ***Mission/Ministry*** \$915.00

Designated*: 2022 Mother’s Day Offerings for Lutheran World Relief Hygiene kits. Thank you to all for your combined Easter offerings that are supporting the urgent needs of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in distributing hygiene kits. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations. God bless the gifts and the givers. *Thank you for supporting Salem Lutheran ministries!*

The Salem Mission and Ministry annual plan is created through the effort of our Finance and Stewardship Committee and Church Council. It is voted on by the Salem Council and the Salem Congregation. Finances are monitored regularly by our Church’s Financial Secretary, Fund Treasurers and Church Council. Designated offerings are always given to/for the purpose stated. We take seriously the charge of using wisely the gifts faithfully given

by members and attendees in support of the Ministry of our Church.

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